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Northwest announces new athletic director

By MARK HORNICKEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Northwest announced who will take Jim Redd's place as athletic director Wednesday.

As *The Missourian Online* first reported Tuesday afternoon, Robert Boerigter, who is currently the director of athletics at Hastings College, an NAIA school in Hastings, Neb., will replace Redd as the director of athletics and health, physical education, recreation and dance.

University president Dean Hubbard said Northwest sought nominations for the position and Redd recommended Boerigter.

Boerigter said Hastings was a great place to be and thought he would spend the rest of his career there, but Redd's recommendation excited him.

"When Dr. Redd called me a couple weeks ago and told me that he was going to be retiring and asked if I would be willing to consider taking a look at the Northwest Missouri State University position, I was overwhelmed and very flattered with that call," he said. "Since that time everyone associated with this university has done nothing but convince me that this is where I should be."

Boerigter visited campus earlier this week to meet with coaches and administrators, and he was impressed with the program Northwest has and the quality of the staff.

"Your reputation is great," he told the athletes, coaches and faculty that packed the room. "An NCAA Division II institution that has a high profile both athletically and academically, they're not a dime a dozen out there. This is really a natural progression for me professionally. Many people really would like to be at this place, and I'm glad I'm here."

Hubbard said it was important to move quickly and fill the position, rather than waiting for candidates to respond to ads.

"We were able to put together a very good list of qualified people and narrowed that list," Hubbard said. "What I was looking for in an athletic director I think is what everybody in athletics and HPERD wanted to see. Someone who could be a strong leader, a visionary, someone who could help us internally by leading both on the academic side as well as the athletic side and who could represent us externally in terms of raising funds for the new stadium and also for the ongoing support of the program."

Boerigter has served at Hastings since 1988 and oversees a 16-sport athletic program. During his tenure he has helped to add five sports during the '90s and managed the growth of student-athlete participation from 200 to 450 student-athletes.

The Broncos won 46 conference titles during Boerigter's tenure. Boerigter was also involved in the planning and construction of a \$5 million stadium football/soccer stadium, which, opened in the fall of 2000, and a \$9 million arena to be opened in the fall of 2002.

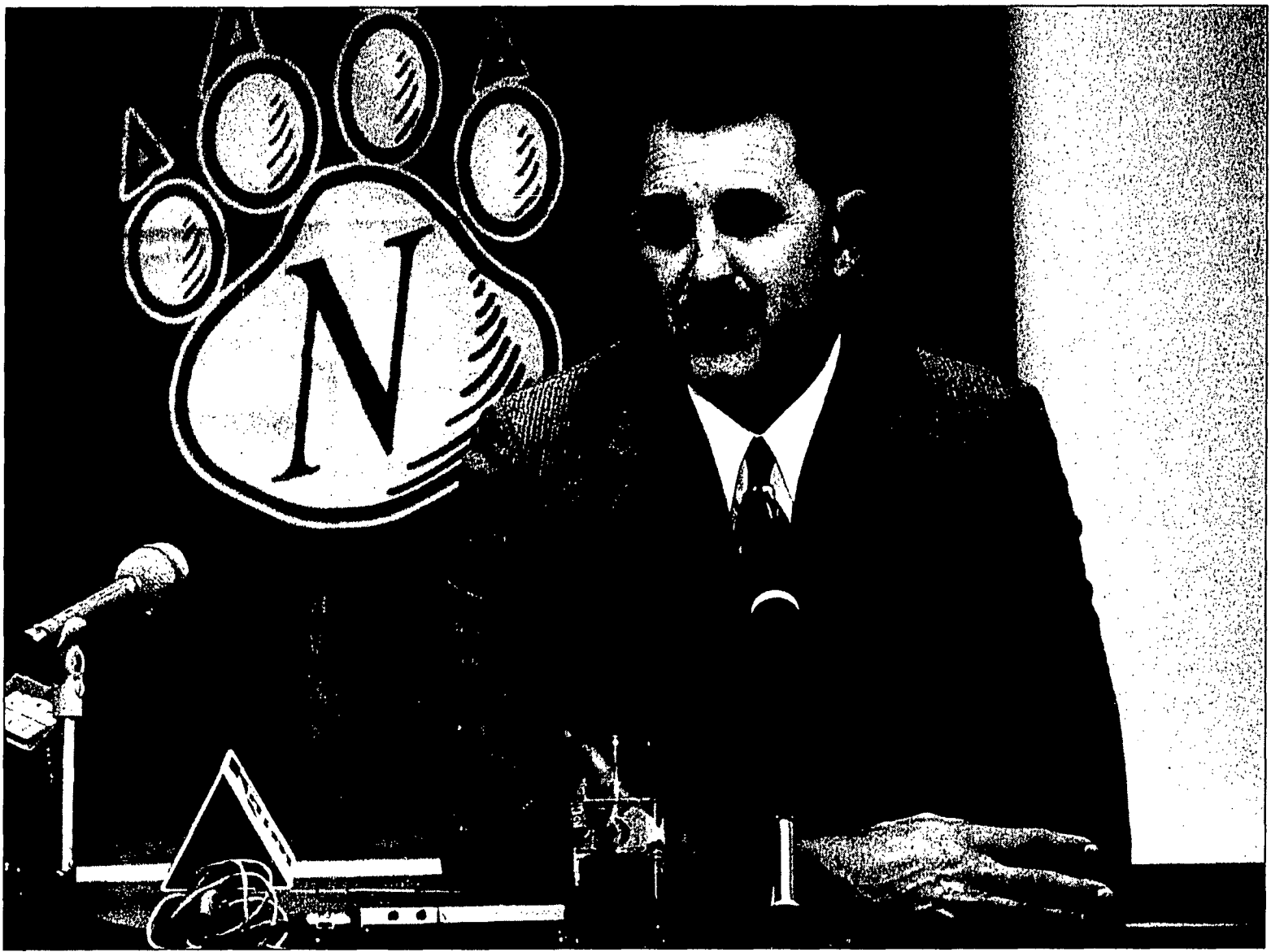
He also chairs the physical education department and is a professor of physical education at Hastings.

His experience includes time at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo., Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa and Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Northwestern College in 1970, his master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 1974 and his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Utah in 1978.

Boerigter was born in Holland, Mich. He has a wife, Mary, and two sons, Marc, 22, who plays in the Canadian Football League and John, 19, a freshman at William Jewell College.

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Robert Boerigter was announced to faculty, coaches and players as the newly hired director of athletics in a press conference Wednesday at the Student Union. Boerigter came from Hastings College in Nebraska where he served as chair of physical education, a professor of physical education and director of athletics.

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Missouri higher ed graded

By SARA SITZMAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Missouri ranks average in a nationwide evaluation of higher education released Nov. 30.

Measuring Up 2000, the first state report card on higher education was conducted by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. The grades were calculated using numerical measures of performance in five separate categories: preparation, participation, affordability, completion and benefits.

Missouri received its lowest grade, D+, in affordability. The state fared well with the amount of family income needed to attend four-year colleges and universities, after considering financial aid, but for private institutions the amount of family income was significantly higher. Also, it found a low level of financial aid provided to low-income students and families.

Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education John Wittstruck said Missouri will be focusing on a new guarantee scholarship program for low-income students and other ways to help financially.

"Students are more in debt and continuing to find ways for low-cost student loans is going to be important," Wittstruck said.

In preparation Missouri showed a high number of adults who earned a high school diploma or a General Education Development diploma. A key factor in this category is the percentage of high school students who take upper-level mathematics and science classes.

"The new academy (Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics, and Computing) is one of the key pieces of the statewide puzzle on how we continue to provide higher mathematics and sciences to secondary level students," Wittstruck said.

Provost Tim Gilmour thought the report card approach had several weaknesses and there was no context to show how well the state did.

"The report card misses a number of real strengths in Missouri higher education," Gilmour said. "An example is our statewide assessment program, which is a national model and shows Missouri doing better than most states on key national measures."

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Report Card	
Name: <u>Missouri</u>	
Subject	Final Grade
Preparation	C+
Participation	C-
Affordability	D+
Completion	B-
Benefits	C

Academy grad to speak at ceremony

By ELIZABETH CROWNOVER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

One of the biggest supporters of the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics, and Computing will have the opportunity to see the results firsthand when he speaks at the Winter 2000 commencement Dec. 15.

Manuel Pacheco, president of the University of Missouri System, was announced as the commencement speaker for the last Northwest graduating class of 2000. Having graduated from an academy himself, Pacheco has been one of University President Dean Hubbard's biggest supporters.

Coming from a poor, immigrant family, Pacheco thinks the academy changed his life.

Being a personal friend of Hubbard's and because of his experience with an academy, Hubbard thought it would be appropriate for Pacheco to speak.

While serving as president of the University of Arizona he made academic program changes, improved federal funding levels for research and won national recognition for programs designed to improve the academic experience for students at the university.

"I admire him as an administrator, and I knew that what he had to say would be relevant and interesting to our graduates," Hubbard said.

Past commencement speakers have included many Northwest graduates including the chairman of the council of economic advisers for Ronald Reagan during his presidency and a president of the advertising firm Young and Rubicam, along with other leaders in Missouri.

Pacheco's speech topic is unknown but is expected to last about 10-12 minutes.

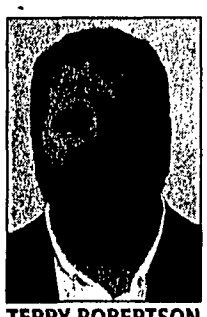
Hubbard prefers to keep the speeches at that length so every student has an opportunity to walk across the platform, to receive his or her diploma and shake hands. He said that tradition is being abandoned at many universities, and he values it here.

"We try to have a commencement that is dignified yet has the joyousness in there that's appropriate," Hubbard said. "After commencement I hope students have a sense of satisfaction for the education they've received, that they have a commitment for being involved in their communities and of course we want them to be loyal to their alma mater."

Commencement will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15., at Lamkin Arena.

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Professor earns award for excellence in teaching



By SARA SITZMAN
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A Northwest faculty member will be awarded the Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence Thursday.

Provost Tim Gilmour said the qualifications for the award include being an outstanding teacher. A teacher is honored with this award from each public and private institution in Missouri, he said.

The award for Northwest will be given to Terry Robertson, academic chair and associate professor of athletics/HPERD department at the annual Governor's Conference on Higher Education in Columbia.

Gilmour said the Governor's conference is held to showcase key higher education issues in Missouri.

"The conference provides an opportunity to recognize in a significant way, the contributions of our faculty," Gilmour said.

Robertson said he was surprised and proud to have been nominated and then selected for the award.

"I am humbled by this award and yet proud because teaching is,

and has always been, my top priority professionally," Robertson said. He taught at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and the University of Utah before coming to Northwest, and received departmental or college awards at each of those institutions as well.

"This type of University-wide and statewide recognition is just extra special to me," Robertson said.

Robertson recognized the encouragement and support of his family, peers and superiors. He also

attributed his success to his own memorable teachers and to students.

"I have succeeded because of the students that I am able to work with," Robertson said. "Through the years, they have continuously encouraged me because of their desire and motivation to learn, to know, to grow, to have a good life. If I can help them, then I am truly succeeding."

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Three possible solutions were determined — to raise awareness, increase smoking sensation programs and to find an alternative place for smokers to congregate outside the Union.

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Complaint filed on smokers at Union

By BURTON TAYLOR
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Smoking outside the east entrance of the Student Union is being discussed as a possible health risk to passersby — young and old.

A parent of a Horace Mann Laboratory School student filed a complaint to the school claiming her child's health was effected by the cloud of smoke the students had to walk through to get into the Union.

Although this instance is one more recent complaint concerning smoking outside the newly renovated entrance of the Union, it is only one of many that have been issued in the past, said Carol Cowles, vice president of Student Affairs.

Cowles also said it is important for people to understand that she is not attempting to impede the rights of others, that the only objective is to keep health risks down.

"In this particular decision we are talking about health needs that have been brought to our attention," she said. "I can't imagine that anyone is going to say that 'my right to smoke is more important than your health.'"

Dr. Gerald Wilmes, director of health services, said that in certain cases these health risks can be severe.

"In particular people who have an increased sensitivity to smoke it can worsen any symptoms of allergies or asthma," he said.

However, even Wilmes said both sides of the situation must be carefully considered and putting a focus group in charge of determining a solution was the right move.

"That's the right of every person (to smoke) and we have to be sensitive to those who smoke," Wilmes said. "But from a medical standpoint

we have to also be sensitive to people with certain medical conditions."

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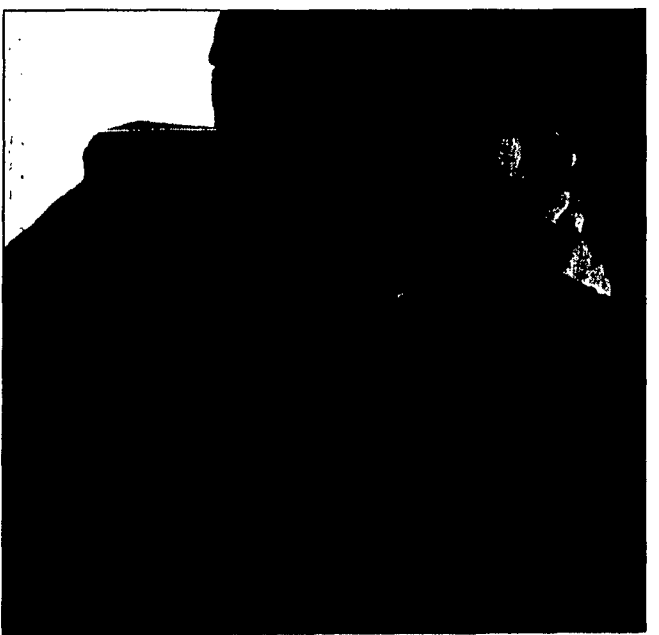


PHOTO BY MARK HORNICKEL/EDITOR IN CHIEF
Graphic design major Adam Kearns takes a smoking break in front of the Student Union. A focus group has been organized to examine complaints about smoking by the Union.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

■ Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
■ CLEP, GED & MAP tests, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall
■ Support/Professional Staff Women's Reception, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Gaunt House
■ Lab Series: "All in the Timing," 7:30 p.m., MLPAC Studio Theater
■ Yuletide Feaste, 6:30 p.m., Union Ballroom

MONDAY

■ Final exams

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FRIDAY

■ Immaculate Conception (Italy, Spain and Switzerland)
■ Classwork ends
■ Second block ends
■ CLEP, GED and MAT tests
■ Fall Pottery Sale, 4 p.m.-8 p.m., Fine Arts Building basement
■ 7th and 8th grade DARE Dance, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., St. Gregory's

TUESDAY

■ Our Lady of Guadalupe's Day (Mexico)
■ Final exams
■ Cancer support group, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Northwest Technical School

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SATURDAY

■ ACT and GRE, 8 a.m., Golden Hall
■ Fall Pottery Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fine Arts Building basement
■ All-District Concert Band Festival concert, 5 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
■ Yuletide Feaste, 6:30 p.m., Union Ballroom

WEDNESDAY

■ Final exams
■ Christmas Around the World, Fellowship Hall, 5 p.m.-7 p.m., United Methodist Church

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SUNDAY

■ Baby's 1st Christmas, 10:25 a.m., First Christian Church
■ Christmas Play, 10:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

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THURSDAY

■ Final exams

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COMMUNITY

Board schedules forum to discuss superintendent

The Board of Education of the Maryville R-II School District will have an open forum to hear suggestions from community members on qualifications and expectations of a new superintendent for the District. The Board has selected the Missouri School Boards Association, or MSBA, to assist in the superintendent search. Bob Gill and Gale Bartow, representatives of MSBA, will be conducting the forum. The forum will be held 6:30 p.m.

Monday in the Conference Room of the Administration Building. The building is located at 1429 S. Munn Ave.

Maurices' giveaway to celebrate remodeling

Maurices is celebrating the grand opening of its newly remodeled store in the Maryville shopping Center by giving away two \$100 gift certificates. Store manager Kristi Adams said the new decor is warm and friendly, and the layout makes it easier for customers to shop. A large shipment of holiday merchandise has arrived, including sweaters and outerwear.

Established in 1931, Maurices is a fashion retailer for men and women, with 450 stores nationwide.

Charity dance held to benefit children's center

The Krazy Kats, the Midwest's Premiere Rock 'n' Roll Oldies Band, will perform a charity dance to benefit the Children's Center of Northwest Missouri. The dance will be from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Dec. 16, at the American Legion Hall in Maryville. Admission is \$5 per person at the door and is open to the public. For more information contact Mickey Prettyman at 562-2400.

UNIVERSITY

Bands will perform at district concert festival

Northwest will be the site of the All-District Middle and High School Concert Band Festival Dec. 9, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. This is the eighth consecutive year that the festival, sponsored by the Northwest District of Missouri Music Educators, has taken place at Northwest. More than 400 students auditioned for a position in the highly-competitive all-district band. After the selection process, the high school all-district band was nar-

Sweet treats



PHOTO BY JENNIFER LOUK/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Members of Girl Scout Troop 305, Kara Duker and Molly Steins, decorate cookies for the Community Recreation and Resocialization Program.

rowed down to 100 members, while the middle school band has about 80 members. Students who make the all-district band are eligible to audition for the all-state band later in the year.

Al Sergel, assistant professor of music and director of bands, said being selected as part of the all-district band is a great honor.

The University and its publications will be represented at the regional meeting Feb. 23-25 in St. Louis.

Art Club holds pottery sale at Fine Arts building

The Art Club Pottery Sale will take place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. Hundreds of pottery pieces will be on sale at the twice-yearly event that has been a Northwest tradition since 1971.

"Many times people come looking for Christmas gifts, and they end up keeping some of it for themselves," Russell Schmaljohn, assistant professor of art, said. Schmaljohn said most of the artwork will sell for \$5 to \$30. Checks are accepted and the line usually forms before 4 p.m. Friday outside the Fine Arts Building.

Orientation publication receives first place award

The Summer Orientation Advisement and Registration newsletter, a joint effort of Northwest's Advisement Assistance and Resource Office and the Office of Publications received first place at the National Orientation Director's Association conference Oct. 27-31 in San Diego, Calif. Also, the University received honorable mention for the Northwest Family Guide publication.

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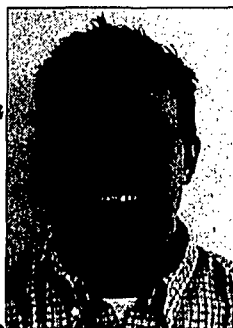
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MY VIEW

Senior reflects on college life, thanks mentors, friends



JACOB DIPIETRE
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Honestly, I've never been a really big fan of the final column that seniors on *The Missourian* traditionally write.

I mean who out there really cares about my career at Northwest or at *The Missourian*? But then again, who am I to argue with tradition?

That's right, after four and a half years, I am finally graduating. And despite what the Stroller would have us believe I did find a good job, relatively easily. So there, Northwest grads are employable.

I thought I would use this last column as kind of a large thank-you note to all those people who have helped me get through these past four and a half years. Because truthfully, I do not think I would be getting this degree if I did not get a lot of help along the way.

First and foremost I need to thank my parents. When I left for school my dad said my parents would consider my tuition an investment, saying they would keep paying the bill as long as I seemed like a solid investment. Well, let's just say after one semester of four speeding tickets, a ticket for being underage in a bar, a negative \$500 checking account balance and a staggering 1.67 GPA that investment apparently didn't look so good any more. For some reason they stuck with me though, giving me one more semester to straighten up. I can never thank them enough for that chance. I could not have asked for more supporting or loving parents. Mom and Dad, you have given me all the tools and opportunities to succeed. My only hope now is that you think your investment has paid off.

Despite my parents' apprehensions about sending me back to school after that fun ... uh, I mean disappointing first semester; there was one person who never lost faith. Laura Widmer, director of student publications, has done more for me than any other faculty member could. Northwest administrators need to take notice. Laura Widmer, along with her colleagues in the mass communication department, are the most dedicated, hard working, caring faculty at this University. Laura, thank you for taking all those late night phone calls, the free meals and free advice, and most importantly for all the support. I literally would not be

graduating if it weren't for you and the journalism program you built at Northwest, thank you.

The next three people taught me a very important life lesson. Too many times in today's society people want to throw in the towel when the "going gets tough." They lose their passion and try to find the easy way out. Michael Johnson director of alumni relations, John Jasinski associate provost and John Yates owner of the Pub are all people who can be counted on when that "going gets tough." I admire that about all of you. Thank you for being someone I could look to when others at the University took the easy way out. Or when the actions of others made me want to throw in the towel. I also need to give a special thank you to John Yates. I have had so many excellent experiences and opportunities at Northwest. Despite the let downs along the way I can never thank you enough for bringing me here. Thank you for welcoming Jackie and me into your family.

I would be remiss without thanking vice president of communication and marketing Ken White. Ken thanks for showing me there are always two sides to every story and to every person. And the fact that sometimes there are some bridges that need to be burned.

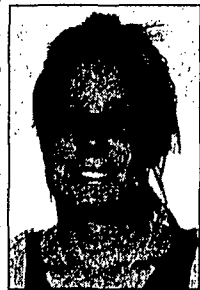
There are so many people I am leaving out. Bridget Brown, my Maryville mom, and Claudia Bosio for somehow always finding time in President Hubbard's schedule for me. President Hubbard and Provost Tim Gilmour for always being straight forward and honest with me, and the list could go on and on.

I am grateful I have this medium to thank all the people who have been instrumental in my college life. Some of my greatest moments have happened here at Northwest, and if there is one bit of advice I would pass on to those students still here it would be two-fold. First, don't be in a rush to graduate. College is a great time to explore and have fun, just don't have too much fun or that 1.67 GPA won't be far off. Second, get involved. One of the greatest assets about going to a smaller school is all the opportunities to get involved. Immerse yourself in the campus and community. Become part of this Northwest family.

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YOUR VIEW

How do deal with the stress of finals week?



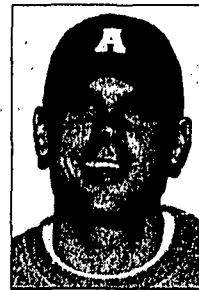
"I take time out of studying for myself and spend time with my friends."

Jenny Adams
Elementary Education major



"I just study like it is any other test, I stay up really late and cram."

J.R. Hill
Marketing major



"I sit next to the smart kid."

Ryan Zinc
Broadcasting major



"Ruffles and baked beans."

Sara Ramsey
Public administration major



"I like to play my guitar and just chill with friends."

Steve Nichols
Therapeutic recreation and corporate wellness major

OUR VIEW

Holiday giving

Celebrate Christmas holiday by volunteering time, give back to community's residents

The holiday season is upon us and for many people this is a time of giving. *The Missourian* suggests we all do more than just buy gifts for people and volunteer.

Volunteering can be easy, it costs nothing and the results can last longer than any store-bought present. By unselfishly giving your time and efforts to people or any organization in need, you are not only helping them out, but you are also giving yourself the gifts of experience, satisfaction and self-accomplishment. It is an action that benefits not only the receiver but the giver as well.

There are many opportunities to volunteer your time in Maryville and in surrounding communities. People are needed to mentor children, tutor children, befriend the elderly at nursing homes, assist with sporting events, help at the humane society and much more.

Specifically for the holidays, volunteers are needed to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army. During this time of year people can help families in need by donating food and clothing. You can also help underprivileged children by donating toys to Toys for Tots or to other toy drop boxes around the community.

Opportunities are available to volunteer at all hours of the day for various activities. There is a place for you to volunteer no matter what your different interests are. For a more detailed list on places to volunteer visit the Student Affairs office in the Student Union.

After the holiday season has passed do not think volunteers are no longer needed or as important. Being a volunteer can be enjoyed as a lifelong activity. So with holiday cheer and good will toward all, start your journey as a volunteer now and take along family and friends to share the experience with you.

YOUR VIEW...
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student discusses 'Habitat for squirrel-manity'

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express a concerns, which I and some fellow Wildlife Ecology and Conservation students had regarding the article in the Nov. 30, 2000 issue of *The Missourian* titled "Habitat for Squirrel-manity."

There is a large photo picturing Arboretum Coordinator Lezlee Johnson hanging one of the squirrel boxes in a tree, and a map of the three locations. There are a few who feel that wildlife students, who built the boxes, should have been pictured instead. In fact, it is the removal of cavity trees from campus under the direction of Ms. Johnson which was the origin of this project in the first place. Also, I thought it may be of interest to your readers to know that the 102 River Wildlife Club offered to hang the boxes but was told that it could not. We were, however, told that we would be notified as to where the boxes would be placed so that we could monitor them, but to this date I have received no correspondence on this topic.

I know that *The Missourian* strives to be as professional as possible, and it is for that reason I wanted to express two more concerns. First, information obtained by the author from the club's advisor, Dr. David A. Easterla, was included in the article, but his name was not mentioned as a source of information. Secondly, the majors of several of our members are listed, but conspicuously missing from the list is Wildlife Ecology and Conversation, which represents most of our members. Thank you for your coverage of this project in *The Missourian*, as this has been a learning experience for all involved.

REBECCA DAHLE
PRESIDENT 102 RIVER WILDLIFE CLUB

Advisement director responds to students

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Mark Kenney and Robert Johnson's letter in the Nov. 16 edition of *The Northwest Missourian*. They state "students of Northwest are being slighted when it comes to a complete general education." They mention that the area of agriculture is not represented in our general education program.

This is incorrect. If these two gentlemen would refer to pages 70 and 71 their 1998-2000 Northwest Undergraduate Academic Catalog (pages 78 and 79 of the 2000-2002 version) they will notice that Northwest students have not just one, but two opportunities to take agriculture classes to satisfy their general education requirements.

First of all, Plant Science (03-130) can be used by Northwest students to satisfy one of their science requirements. Also, students may choose Introduction to Agriculture Economics (03-102) to satisfy the social science requirement. Both of these courses are offered every fall and spring trimester and sometimes in the summer.

Kenney and Johnson were correct in claiming that it is not a requirement to take at least one of these options; but the two examples they cited, Theatre Appreciation and Introduction to Geography are also not a requirement. In many cases, our students have a choice on how they satisfy their requirements, a choice that the students appreciate.

DEBORAH COLLIER
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADVISEMENT

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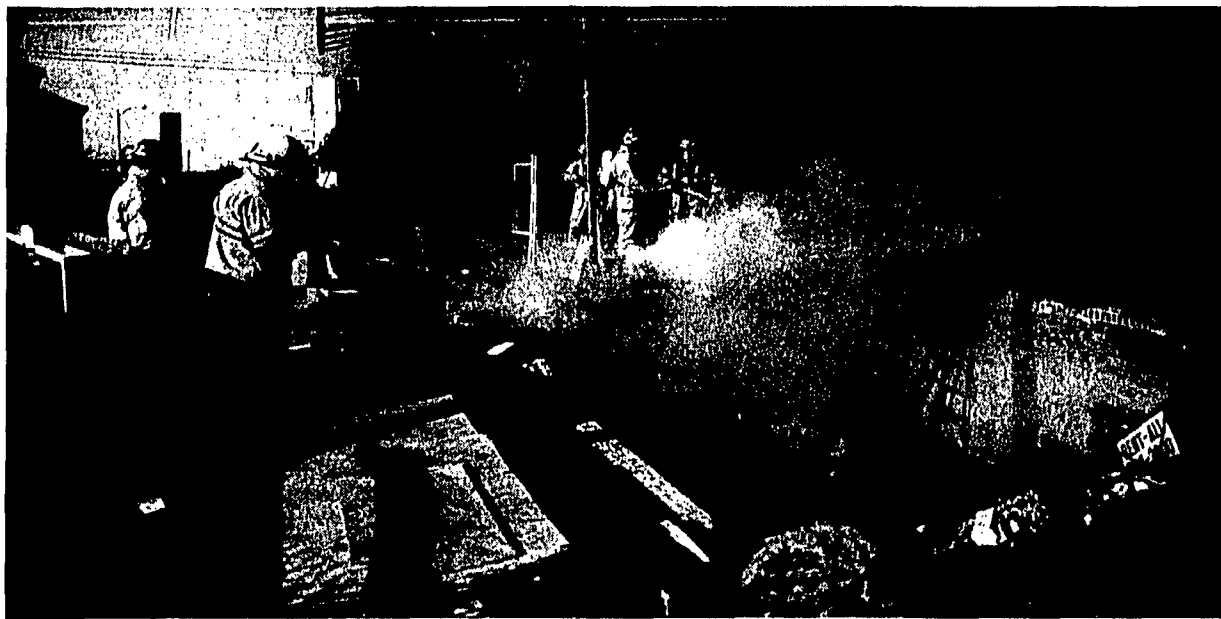
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Members of the Maryville Fire Department hurry to put out the fire at the Nodaway Valley Bank construction site Monday afternoon. Workers at the site said the tarps that were used to keep rain and snow out caught on fire from torches used by the crew.

Local bank construction site burns

By MARK HORNICKE
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Smoke filled the Courthouse Square Monday morning when a fire broke out at the Nodaway Valley Bank construction site.

The Maryville Public Safety Department, Fire Division was called to the fire at 10:38 a.m.

The fire began as construction crews were welding an iron beam, and sparks ignited a group of tarps that were stretched across the top of the building, said Keith Wood, director of Public Safety.

"Once they got started, they went fast," said Kirby Leslee, a worker for E.L. Crawford.

Other workers, who were unsure of what happened, escaped the building when they heard people yelling, "fire."

Workers used two fire extinguishers, but could not put out the fire.

"We did the best we could to put it out," worker Joe Deatherage said. "Those tarps were probably about as old as we are, if not older. They went up like paper."

The fire was compounded by parts of the burning tarp falling into a basement area where large quanti-



A Maryville firefighter races to hook up a hose to another fire truck during the emergency at the Nodaway Valley Bank Monday. The newly completed portion of the bank suffered only smoke and minimal water damage. It was reported that at no time was the security of the bank's finances or records compromised.

ties of paper records were stored, Wood said.

"It was very hard to gain access with the ventilation and smoke, but we accomplished getting the fire out," Lt. Phil Rickabaugh said. "It was a whole different situation because there was only one way in and one way out. Fortunately, one end was open."

Three other fire units were called to the scene from Burlington Junction, Ravenwood and Hopkins. The fire was brought under control at about 12:30 p.m. and crews began working on cleanup immediately.

Nodaway Valley Bank officials and Maryville Public Safety person-

nel will continue to work together until the initial cleanup is completed. The security of the bank's finances or records was not compromised and the bank's main location will remain open, bank president Dick Thomson said.

"For a real, real dangerous situation, we got out very well," Thomson said.

The bank, which is located at Third and Main streets, began renovations last spring. The new building, which will give the bank 6,000 feet of new space, was expected to be completed in the spring of 2001.

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Hospital renovation complete

By LEAH AULT
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A bridge has been crossed in the St. Francis renovations with the opening of another addition.

St. Francis Hospital opened its new Family Health Care-West Monday and will be opening the Rehabilitation Services Friday. The opening of the Rehabilitation Services marks one of many recent renovations and additions to the hospital.

One major addition to the hospital is the addition of the emergency room. The department now has five triage and trauma exam/treatment areas. The ER also has more nursing space and improved access to the admitting staff. St.

Francis provides a 24-hour care staff that specializes in emergency treatment.

The hospital has also been working on a new entrance, admitting and information, family health care and the rehabilitation services. St. Francis will focus on renovations to different parts of the building next and should be done in April 2001.

The hospital will be starting with the research lab then to the X-RAY department. The areas being reconstructed will be on the ground floor, first floor and the north wing.

"Please be aware of the construction going on when you come to the hospital," said Rita Miller, community relations/develop-

ment manger. "We know it's a little confusing now but it will be easier very soon."

Miller also said the renovations and additions will help give the staff more space to work. It will also help people going to the hospital because it will be less confusing when trying to find departments. When the renovations are completed the hospital will have a better form of confidentiality with more space and rooms to meet with nurses privately.

The renovations cost \$4.6 million with the 13,000 square foot expansion and the renovation of 14,000 square feet.

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Coffee shop perks up Main

By JANELLE MCMULLEN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

From a grande hot chocolate to a short mocha latte Maryville's new coffee shop, Main St. Coffee, caters to young and old alike.

The idea for the coffee shop came from a mother and daughter when other Maryville coffee shops went out of business.

"My mom and I are from Maryville and we use to go to the other two coffee shops we use to have in town," Kourtney McEnaney said.

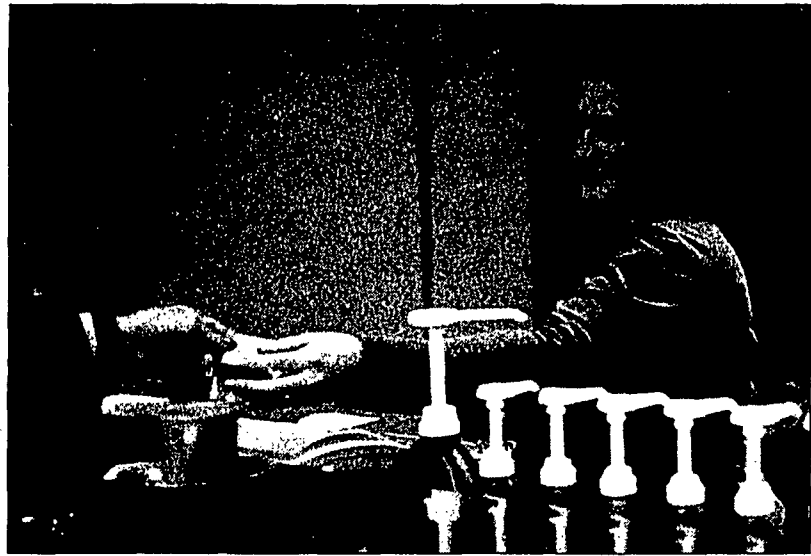
Students are also showing their enthusiasm for the new shop.

"I'm excited," junior Allison Neibling said. "Coffee shops have a fun atmosphere and it will add something to the town."

For other students it opens opportunities for college and residents to improve Maryville's nightlife.

"I think it's a good idea," junior Rachel Nichols said. "It's fun for people who don't like the bar and it would be fun if they had karaoke night."

McEnaney looks to add couches to provide a more relaxed environment for the customers. Currently, the coffee shop has tables and



Kourtney McEnaney helps a customer at the new coffee shop, Main Street Coffee. Along with coffee, they also serve sandwiches and pastries.

chairs.

The shop does not just offer specialty coffees. The menu includes juices, soups, salads, muffins and cheesecake in an attempt to appeal to every customer.

"I love the classic coffee shop atmosphere," Nichols said. "It's so relaxing drinking coffee and talking to friends."

Business has been busier than they anticipated since they just opened this week, McEnaney said.

The shop will have its grand opening the beginning of January, and the plans are still in the works.

They look forward to catering more to college students.

"On Sunday nights we will be having open mic night," McEnaney said. "Participants will also receive 15 percent off a specialty drink."

The shop is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Main St. Coffee is located on Main Street between Lucky's Bar and Grill and Looks.

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Northwest students to teach in Kansas City

By JACOB DIPIETRE
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Northwest is leading the charge of several state colleges and universities in an effort to re-establish accreditation in the Kansas City School district.

The large consortium of schools, which includes Central Missouri State University, University of Missouri at Kansas City and the University of Missouri at Columbia, have all agreed to help Kansas City School District Superintendent Benjamin Dumps resurrect the struggling district.

What sets Northwest apart is University administrators have put together a pilot program, slated to start next fall, in which 20 Northwest education majors will move to Kansas City, Mo. and teach in an inner city school for their last semester.

University President Dean Hubbard said Northwest students will be the only ones going to teach in the schools, which will put Northwest grads at a premium.

"The hope is that once the students understand the environment and feel comfortable they'll choose to stay down there and teach, and I'm certain some of them will," Hubbard said. "There

is no doubt it will have a positive effect on the Kansas City School District. As far as our students are concerned it will greatly improve the quality of our teacher education program. It's the kind of thing reformers in the country have been saying should happen, and as far as we know we're the first institution to develop a relationship like this."

Students involved in the year-long program will live in a residence hall in downtown Kansas City currently being renovated by Hallmark and receive at least \$10,000 for the year according to Max Ruhl, dean of education and human services.

One education major said the program is something that will set Northwest graduates apart.

Matthew Hackett, elementary education major, said the experience will only make better teachers.

"I think what really makes good teachers is experience," Hackett said. "This gives you a very marketable experience. Working in the Kansas City school district there are added challenges. What this program gives is extra incentive to working in urban settings."

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Student leaves mark on history

By LAURA PEARL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

One Northwest student is helping to create a small part of Missouri history.

Whitney Terrell, a first-year graduate student working toward her masters of business administration, is organizing the inauguration day activities for Governor-elect Bob Holden.

Terrell learned about the opportunity from Tom Vansaghi, special assistant to the president, shortly after election day.

"I was asked by the Governor-elect and his wife to coordinate the inauguration," Vansaghi said. "I had done it two times in the past, so I had some experience. I was very happy and honored to do it but wanted to maintain my role as special assistant to the president."

So Vansaghi talked with the Governor-elect and University

President Dean Hubbard about his dilemma, recommending that Terrell serve as the inaugural coordinator down in Jefferson City so that he could stay at Northwest and fulfill his regular duties.

Vansaghi said he chose to approach Terrell, who works in the president's office, because he knew she wanted to take on a career in event management.

"She didn't even hesitate," Vansaghi said. "She was just really willing to take a hold on her classes and do this."

Terrell said she did not regret her choice to become part of a historic day in the state's history.

"It's really just a very fascinating experience," Terrell said.

Terrell said she is in charge of planning the inauguration day activities surrounding Governor-elect Holden. She oversees about 20 people, making sure everything

they plan happens and that they plan the appropriate events.

"Basically, I'm just managing the overall picture," Terrell said.

The day's activities will include a number of public events, beginning with a parade in the morning and followed by the inauguration ceremony, Terrell said.

The governor will be sworn in at noon, Terrell said, followed by a number of community activities, a reception, a Grand March and the inaugural ball.

The stress of being part of such a large-scale planning process does have its drawbacks. Terrell said that once she arrived in Jefferson City and the impact of her job sunk in, she felt nervous.

"Just saying I'm planning the inauguration for the Governor-elect is an overwhelming statement," she said.

Terrell said the past few weeks

have been exciting though, and she is continually getting more excited about the big day.

"The enthusiasm has set in," Terrell said. "I'm really excited about what the day will be like."

Vansaghi believed Terrell would benefit from her experience in Jefferson City for a long time.

"To have the experience is great, especially for someone who wants to do this for a living," Vansaghi said.

Terrell also realized just how valuable the experience would be for her in the future.

"The biggest thing I've gained here is applying those things that any college student entering the work force needs to learn and just seeing how things work," Terrell said.

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December job market promising for new graduates

By BRIAN CARTER
THE UTAH STATESMAN (UTAH STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) LOGAN, Utah - The employment prospects for students graduating next week is promising, according to the Career Service Center at Utah State University.

"The job market is very good and lots of good opportunities are available," said Melissa Scheaffer, assis-

tant director for Career Services at Utah State. "The prospects look very good for our students."

In 1999, Scheaffer said 52 of the 3,730 students responding to a graduation survey reported not being employed at graduation nor seeking employment. The key to finding post-graduation employment is to start early, Scheaffer said.

Graduating in the spring or fall does not matter much for finding a job, Scheaffer said, but depends more on hard work.

"I tell students a year before they graduate is a good time to start," Scheaffer said. "That way they are better prepared and are able to take full advantage of our services."

Over the past several years the

Career Service Center, located in the basement of University Inn, has helped thousands of students, Scheaffer said. Each college has an adviser who is familiar with opportunities and employers to help students hone interview skills, improve their resume and cover letter and finding job listings.

Angela Hartle, secondary social science major, studies outside the student affairs office in the Student Union Wednesday morning. Many students use the Union lounge area as a place to prepare for finals.
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EDITOR IN CHIEF



Fall finals schedule

MONDAY, DEC. 11

3 or 3:30 p.m. Monday-
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Mathematics 114, 115 (all)-
9:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
11 a.m. Monday-
11:50 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.
Political Science 102 (all)-
2 - 4 p.m.
9 a.m. Monday-
4:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.
2 p.m. Tuesday-
7 - 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

Communication 102 (all)-
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
9 or 9:35 a.m. Tuesday-
9:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

11 a.m. Tuesday-

11:50 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.

2 p.m. Monday-

2 - 4 p.m.

8 a.m. Tuesday-

4:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.

Chemistry Labs 113, 115, 117 and

Physical Science Lab 103 (all)-

7 - 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

10 a.m. Tuesday-

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

History 155 (all)-

9:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Noon Monday-

11:50 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.

10 a.m. Monday-

2 - 4 p.m.

Computer Science 130 (all)-

4:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

PE 110 (all Lifetime Wellness) -

7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

8 a.m. Monday-

9:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

1 p.m. Monday -

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2 - 4 p.m.

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4:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

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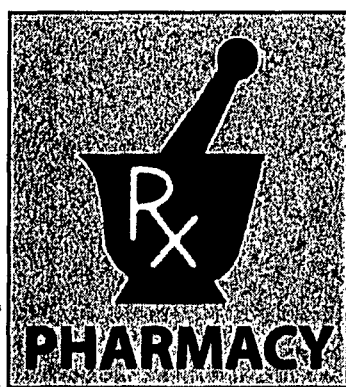
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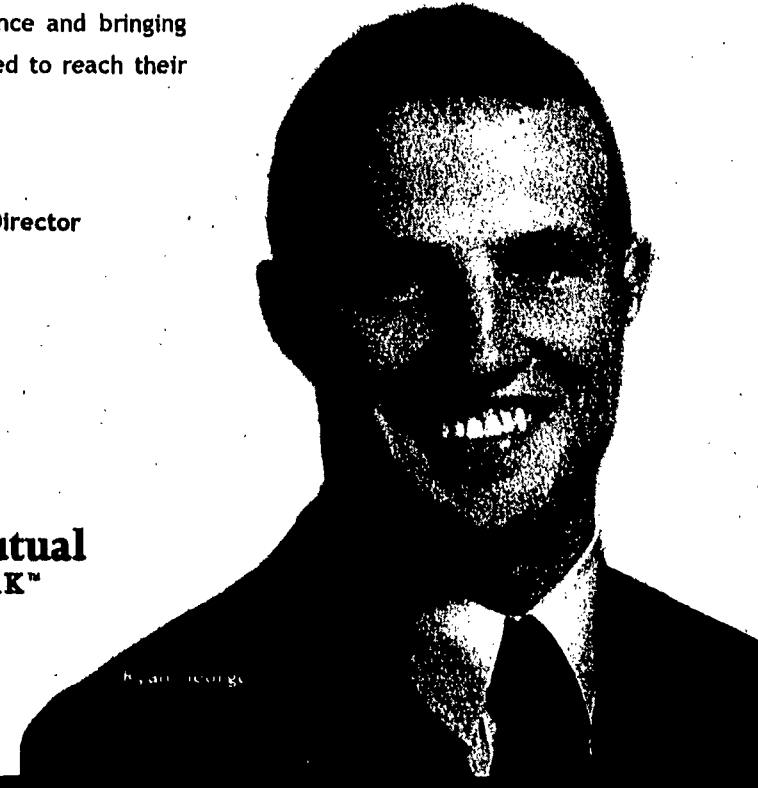
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Seniors celebrate Christmas holiday

By SARA SITZMAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Christmas spirit is in the air and preparation for the holiday has begun at the Nodaway Nursing Home and the Village Care Center in Maryville.

Festive decorating has begun for residents to enjoy at both facilities. Lois Acklin, activity director of Village Care Center, said staff members have adopted a resident who they will give a present to and decorate the door to their room. The residents appreciated the decorations, she said.

"We have beautiful doors that the help decorated," resident Christine Donan said.

The Village will have its annual Christmas party Sunday, Acklin said residents' families will bring gifts, and there would be food and musical entertainment. Santa Claus will also make an appearance. This is the biggest party of the year at the Village, Acklin said.

"I'm looking forward to the party," resident Thelma Nigh said. "My great-granddaughter is coming."

Acklin said many churches, youth groups and other Christmas carolers will sing for the residents as Christmas draws closer.

"It brings the community in to

the residents since they can't go out anymore," Acklin said.

For the Nodaway Nursing Home, the first Christmas activity will be attending the hand bell concert in St. Joseph Friday. Activity director Georgi Lane said Dec. 18 the residents will get the opportunity to go around Maryville and see the Christmas lights.

"It's enjoyable but it's very busy at the same time," Lane said.

Lane said many carolers come visit the residents including people from St. Gregory's and the Maryville Key Club.

"The residents are more excited this time of year," Lane said.

The Christmas party for the residents is Dec. 21 and will include families, music, gifts, refreshments and Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Ruth Appleman, resident council president, is an active member at the home and it shows with her Christmas decorations. Appleman's room is festive with her holiday teddy bear collection and the ceramic Christmas figures she made.

"My friends help me decorate, Sharon and Irma," Appleman said.

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PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Haleigh Vest, 7th grader and father Roger select a Christmas tree with their family Tuesday night at the Trees Are Us tree farm. All trees at the farm are \$20 and can be cut by the customers or the workers. Trees Are Us had about 150 customers this past weekend.

Trees could cause fires

By ANN BRADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Many people will get into the holiday spirit by purchasing a Christmas tree this year but they may not think about Christmas tree safety in their homes.

Janice McGinnis of Trees Are Us, a local Christmas tree supplier, said it sells about 600 Christmas Trees a year.

According to United States Fire Administration data from the last three years, the yearly estimated fire loss for Dec. 24-26 is estimated at over \$80 million. Each year, these losses result in an estimated 12,000 fires that required a fire department response. Christmas trees are the leading cause of these fires.

With proper prevention and care, real Christmas trees can be enjoyed safely. Lt. Phil Rickabaugh of the Maryville Department of Public Safety Fire Division had some helpful hints that people can take in order to prevent fires from happening.

Rickabaugh said when purchasing a tree, a customer should bounce the tree on the ground. If many of the needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long. This means the

tree is dried out and creates a fire hazard. It is also important that the tree receives enough water. This can be done by making sure the tree has a fresh cut at the bottom of the trunk.

"The fresh cut is the key in hydrating the Christmas tree, during harvesting dirt can clog the trunk, and a tree forms a protective coating across the bottom of its stem," Rickabaugh said. "The dirt and protective coating must be removed to allow water to enter the trunk so that it can supply the needles of the tree."

Rickabaugh also said that the tree should be watered properly.

"Because a tree will lose a great deal of moisture when it is brought inside, understanding the amount of water needed is critical," Rickabaugh said.

He suggested the tree has one quart of water per inch of the trunk. For example, a three-inch trunk should have three quarts of water per day. The Christmas tree stand should hold at least one gallon of water.

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Medieval entertainment to be featured at Feaste

By DANNY BURNS
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The 27th Annual Yuletide Feaste will be Thursday through Saturday, in the Student Union ballroom, starting at 6:30 p.m. each night.

Richard Weymuth, Yuletide Feaste director, said the feaste has been quite a tradition.

"I've directed the feaste for 21 years and it was started six years prior to my arrival here," Weymuth

said.

The event will feature two and a half-hours of renaissance entertainment inside a highly decorated ballroom. The cast will be dressed in traditional renaissance attire and a story coincides with the evening. Music from the Renaissance will also be played.

"The ballroom has been converted into a huge castle with high walls, a moat and large red carpet,"

Weymuth said. "With a renaissance story, music from the period and a cast of about 70, we usually sell out each night."

The cast includes the 60 members of the Madraliers, along with the Recorder Consort and the Royal Brass Quintet. People who attend the Feaste can expect plenty to eat as well as plenty of entertainment.

Included in this year's meal is wassail, cheese, fruit, bread, winter

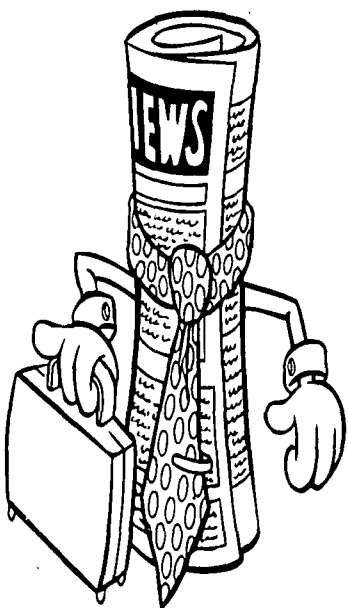
salad, carved beef, Cornish game hen, ham, au gratin potatoes, wild rice, green beans, corn, glazed carrots and Yuletide dessert.

This year marks the first year students will be able to purchase tickets by using their Aladine card. Tickets are on sale at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building for \$18.

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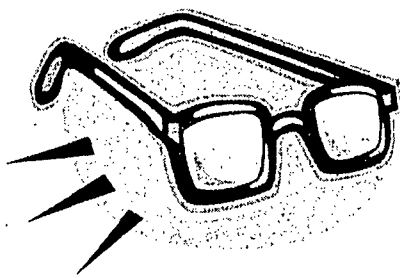
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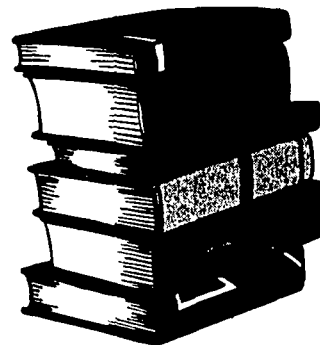
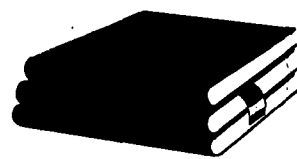
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Nov. 24
■ Kenneth L. Dunlap, St. Joseph, was parked his vehicle in a private lot in the 1600 block of South Main when it was struck by a vehicle that left the scene.

Nov. 28
■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her vehicle had been damaged while parked in the 400 block of South Market.

■ Kellie A. Clark, 21, Maryville, and James R. Little, 22, Maryville, were both traveling north on South Main. Little's vehicle was slowing in traffic when it was struck by Clark. Clark was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ An officer received a report from a St. Joseph business that a nail gun had been taken from a company truck in the 1600 block of South Main. William Michael Morton, 42, Maryville, was issued a summons for stealing from a motor vehicle.

Nov. 29
■ Martha M. Logsdon, 77, Maryville, and Shelly A. VanGundy, 26, Maryville, were both stopped at stop signs. VanGundy began to travel east on First Street when Logsdon also pulled forward from her stop sign. Logsdon's vehicle struck VanGundy's vehicle.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had taken Christmas lights from her residence in the 600 block of West Edwards.

■ Officers received a report from a Maryville female that someone had entered her house in the 200 block of North Alvin.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had taken a lighted Christmas reindeer decoration from her yard in the 900 block of South Market.

■ Officers conducted a random bar check in the 300 block of North Market. Erin M. Coffelt, 19, Skidmore, was issued a summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.

■ While on patrol on West First, an officer observed a vehicle traveling with one headlight out. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of East First. The driver was identified as Lacinda M. Sproat, 19, Pickering. A check through Missouri Department of Revenue indicated a warrant out of Buchanan County for passing bad checks. She was released after posting bond with a summons for passing bad checks.

■ While on patrol in the 700 block of South Main, officers received a report of a possible drunk driver in the 1700 block of South Main. The vehicle was located and stopped in the 2900 block of South Main. The driver was identified as Roger N. Langley, 40, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving, possession of 35 grams or less of Marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nov. 30
■ While on patrol in the west-bound lane in the 700 block of East Third, an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was stopped in the 1200 block of East Third. The driver was identified as Kenneth L. Reed, 34, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued citations for exceeding the posted speed limit and driving

while suspended.

Dec. 1
■ Officers received a report from a Maryville female that she had been assaulted by a Maryville male while at a business in the 300 block of North Market. The case was referred to the prosecutor's office for review.

■ Eugene F. Frear, 65, Maryville, was starting from a stop sign on North Davis, turning east. Kari K. Sperber, 21, Rock Port, was starting from a stop sign on South Davis. Sperber's vehicle struck Frear's vehicle. Frear was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that a string of Christmas lights had been damaged at her residence in the 700 block of East Second.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her ex-husband had violated an order of protection against him.

■ Officers received a report of a female making obscene gestures at vehicles in the 1200 block of South Main. She was taken into custody and transported to St. Francis Hospital for evaluation.

■ An officer observed a vehicle pull out directly in front of his patrol vehicle. The vehicle was stopped in the 1500 block of East First. The driver was identified as Chase G. Sorensen, 18, Denver. He was issued a summons for failure to yield right of way and minor in possession of intoxicants.

■ Officers received a report of underage drinking at a business in the 400 block of North Buchanan. Upon arrival no violations were found. The case was referred to liquor control.

■ Kathryn L. Coulter, 41, Maryville, was turning into a parking space in a private lot, when she slid into a vehicle driven by Mark Dredge, Maryville. Coulter was

issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

Dec. 2
■ Thomas E. Wilson, 18, Maryville, was traveling west on West South Ave, attempting to turn left onto Crestview Drive. His vehicle slid off the roadway, striking two mailboxes and a gas line.

■ While on patrol in the 500 block of North Buchanan, an officer observed two male individuals. Upon making contact, David D. Harris, 20, Pickering, was issued a summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.

■ Officers received a report of a loud party in the 400 block of West 16th. Upon arrival, Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity house was issued a summons for permitting a peace disturbance.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her husband was being abused at his residence in the 800 block of East Edwards. The case was referred to the division of aging.

Dec. 3
■ While on patrol in the 600 block of South Main, an officer observed a vehicle pull into a private drive at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of South Main. The driver was identified as Brian J. Klitz, 20, Omaha, Neb. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Dec. 4
■ Vicki L. Woods, 18, Maryville, was making a left turn into the 600 block of South Main. Matthew T. Hazen, 24, Maryville, was traveling northbound in the 600 block of South Main. Woods' vehicle struck Hazen's vehicle. Woods was issued a citation for failure to yield from a private drive.

DEATHS

Helen Elizabeth Newton

Helen Elizabeth Newton, 85, Maryville, died Nov. 27, at St. Francis Hospital.

She was born Oct. 21, 1915, to Edith and Alby Ray, in Maryville.

She is survived by her daughters, Roberta Aley, Iris Ditamore, Dorothy Henggeler, Mary Ruth McDonald, Margorie Hontz; four sons, Carroll, Larry, Robert and Maurice; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 30, at the Price Funeral Chapel and burial followed at the Miriam Cemetery, in Maryville.

Rohs, born Dec. 1, at St. Francis Hospital.

She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and joins, Devon Melton.

Her maternal grandparents are Charlie and Ruthie Perry, Baldwin, Kan.

Johnathon Richard McGinley

Bobbi Jo McGinley, Darlington, is the parent of Johnathon Richard McGinley, born Nov. 30, at St. Francis Hospital.

He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and joins one sister, Halley McGinley.

His maternal grandparents are Donald and Linda McGinley, Darlington.

Alexis Michelle Pritchett

John Pritchett and Kyisha Merrigan, Maryville, are the parents of Alexis Michelle Pritchett, born Dec. 2, at St. Francis Hospital.

She weighed 8 pounds.

Her maternal grandparents are Kevin and Nancy Merrigan, Maryville.

BIRTHS

Lillian Isabel Rohs

Fred and Rence Rohs, Maryville, are the parents of Lillian Isabel

Silent protest



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Theater performance major Shane Sandau and Theater major Rachel Verck hold signs during a silent protest against the Stroller Monday. Protesters disagreed with the Stroller's commits, saying there are a lot of positive things at Northwest.

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Christmas in the city

Kansas City attractions provide visitors with festive entertainment

By MARJIE KOSMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

Once Thanksgiving passes, Christmas trees go up, lights flood neighborhood streets and shopping malls are invaded by bargain-hunters looking for the perfect holiday gift. The season for Santa Claus and mistletoe is here and many cities around the region have special events planned for the holiday.

Kansas City's Crown Center is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Peanuts cartoons with "The Joy of a Peanuts Christmas." A display chronicling 50 years of the classic comic strip is showcased in the shopping area of Crown Center and commemorative Hallmark ornaments are available for purchase in the Hallmark Visitors Center.

Also at Crown Center is Crayola Christmas Land for children. Children can talk to Santa and visit with various costumed characters while experiencing hands-on activities. Admission is free to the center and photos with Santa are available for a fee.

The Mayor's Christmas Tree stands 100 feet tall and illuminates Crown Center with 7,000 lights. A special Mayor's Christmas ornament benefits the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund with its proceeds. This year's ornament is a dove entitled "Christmas Dove" and designed by Hallmark Cards artist Ann Ottewill. The fund has helped more than 30,000 needy families and elderly each year for 92 years.

Ice skating is a winter pastime and the Crown Center Ice Terrace offers skaters a chance to get exercise and have fun in an outdoor setting.

"I like to watch people get all bundled up and some are really good skaters and do tricks," said Emily Craven, a merchandising major from Liberty. "It's just fun to go with your friends cause it's not something you get to do every day. It's just during the holidays."

Free hot chocolate and donuts are complimentary at an early-morning skate from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The terrace is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sun-



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The nearly 100-foot tall Mayor's Christmas Tree towers over Crown Center Square. After Christmas, the wood of the tree is recycled into commemorative ornaments which are sold the following year to benefit charity.

lies with costumed characters and the Dickens Carolers strolling throughout the center on weekends. "Shopping is my favorite thing to do at Christmas," said Bridgett Pfaff, an elementary education major from Chillicothe. "There are always sales and it's fun

to get gifts for people you love."

Unique to Kansas City, the Country Club Plaza provides shopping, fountains and Christmas decorations and is some Northwest students favorite place to be for the holiday season.

"My favorite thing to do at Christmas is to go to the Plaza," said Lindsay Lund, a family and consumer sciences education major from Liberty. "I like to go to a coffee shop and drink coffee and look at the lights. It's peaceful and fun and puts me in the holiday mood."

Decorations are a popular way to show some Christmas spirit.

"Even though it's the same thing every year, it's just magical," Craven said about the Plaza lights.

The end of the year also provides visitors to Kansas City a chance to enjoy New Year's Eve in a unique way. Science City at Union Station is celebrating the beginning of the new millennium with entertainment in each section of the station for the entire family.

In the Grand Hall, clowns, face painters, balloon artists, fire-eaters, magicians and jugglers will delight children while The Kerry Strayer Orchestra will entertain adults with big band and swing music. "Liverpool: A Beatles Tribute" will be featured in the Festival Plaza along with Galaxy, a band playing cover songs from the 1960s to the 1990s.

A Kansas City based band, Jim Cosgrove and the Hiccups will perform at Performance Park, and Paul Mesner puppet shows will be showcased in the Theater District.

At 9 p.m., indoor and outdoor fireworks will take place along with the Midwest's largest balloon drop at midnight. Laser shows at the City Dome will be played throughout the night as well.

From now until 2001, Kansas City's holiday activities will remain in hustling and bustling style. With the variety of entertainment for all ages Kansas City promises to again be another festive hot spot.

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Athletic director looks to deliver

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

After filling the void left by Northwest director of athletics Jim Redd Wednesday, some may ask who is Robert Boerigter.

Serving as the athletic director for Hastings College (Neb.) the last 13 years, Boerigter comes to Northwest a man ready to influence people as the director of athletics and health, physical education, recreation and dance, Hastings President Phil Dudley said.

"I know Jim Redd and know the charisma and determination he has for his job, and Bob is exactly like that," Dudley

said. "Bob was a real leader in the NAIA and his nature is to provide leadership, and I know he will be able to do that when he makes the jump to the Division II level."

After receiving a call from Redd about the job opening, Boerigter said he was not totally committed in leaving Hastings until he met with the Northwest faculty.

"After Dr. Redd called me I did call both Gene (Steinmeyer) and Mel (Tjeerdsma) and I quite honestly said to them 'is this a good job'," Boerigter said. "Both of them had great remarks but to be honest with you Gene's comments

were probably at that time more important to me than Mel's were because I knew Gene was new at the program and he was enthusiastic about where he was."

Not only was Boerigter impressed with how dedicated the faculty members were, but Dudley said another reason Boerigter made the decision was because of University President Dean Hubbard.

"Bob was impressed with President Hubbard and said he was a man of integrity and a man he would like to work with," Dudley said. "When we talked about his decision to leave he left me to know that Bob had nothing but good re-

marks for Northwest."

Hastings women's basketball head coach Ken Rhodus said Boerigter will be greatly missed when he leaves, and Northwest will come to appreciate what he will bring to the University.

"No. 1, it's a tremendous loss for our institution, but when a person has the opportunity to take a step up from NAIA to the Division II level you have to admire that," Rhodus said. "He is a superb AD, and we really appreciate what he has done for this institution. He treated all of the sports evenly and did not show favoritism in any of the men's and

women's sports."

Dudley also said Boerigter has brought a lot to the community of Hastings by being active in several religious organizations and always taking the time to speak with students.

"He had an awful good background when we hired him 13 years ago and he has done nothing but make it better," Dudley said. "He has also done a lot for the community as well as this college and he will be greatly missed."

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University men's basketball



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior forward Matt Rowan attempts to get around junior guard Jerry Hudson during practice. They beat the University of Texas A&M-Kingsville, 91-76 and were victorious over St. Mary's University 57-52 in their second and final game.

Cagers climbing up Top 25 chart

By KEN GARNER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest men's basketball team remains perfect on the season after winning the St. Mary's Classic last weekend in San Antonio, Texas.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said the team passed its first real road test by winning the Classic.

"Until you beat a good team on their floor, you have a monkey on your back," he said. "Now that we've done that the team has a lot of confidence."

Junior forward Jerry Hudson said the road win was important.

"This was a big step for our team," he said.

The Bearcats, 7-0, moved up three spots in the national polls this week and are now the No. 13 team in the country.

Northwest faces a big obstacle when they take on the No. 1-ranked Florida Southern University at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18 in Lakeland, Fla.

Tappmeyer said this game comes at a good time for the 'Cats and he hopes the players can take on this challenge.

"We have taken steps up a ladder all season," he said. "We have to jump up a couple rungs on the ladder to win this one." Florida Southern is an up-tempo team that likes to press, Tappmeyer said.

"It will be a fight of who plays whose style," he said. "We have to handle the pressure and make them play a half-court defense against us."

Hudson said the team has to go down there and play hard against them.

"We have to go down there and play with intensity and be focused," he said.

The Bearcats have gotten off to slow starts in two of their last three games, either trailing or having a narrow lead going into halftime.

Tappmeyer said the team has to play with intensity for all 40 minutes.

"We have to keep our intensity up," he said. "We're growing up by knowing when to turn on the switch and crank up when other teams start to get up."

Hudson said the team cannot afford a slow start.

"They're not No. 1 for nothing," he said. "If we start slow, we might get blown out."

Hudson and sophomore guard Scott Fleming were named to the All-Classic team last weekend. Fleming was also named MIAA Player of the Week.

"He's a winner," Tappmeyer said. "He finds a way to win ball games and he's a good leader on the floor."

Fleming averaged 18.5 points per game, six rebounds, six steals, and 3.5 assists in the Classic.

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University women's basketball

Bearcat's success continues

By TIM DURBIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest women's basketball team is continuing its successful start with another win last Saturday.

The Bearcats, 3-1 overall, will play host to Rockhurst University at 7 p.m. this Saturday in Bearcat Arena. Rockhurst, 3-2, is coming off of a win against the 'Cat's MIAA foe Truman State University.

Bearcats head coach Gene Steinmeyer said he will have the team ready to play Saturday.

"We've done fine so far," Steinmeyer said. "There is still a lot of improvement that needs to be made. One is our consistency during games, with players slumping at times, we need the bench to pick up the slack."

This game will be taken personally for those who played in last year's loss to the Hawks.

"We owe them," junior guard Amanda Winter said. "As long as I've been here, we've always struggled against Rockhurst. We've never won against them. This game is a must win for us. In order for us to win, we will need to keep up the tempo on the defense. We need to pressure them with our full court press. We also cannot let them have many second chances by letting them out-rebound offensively."

Last Saturday the Bearcats earned their third win of the season with a victory over Benedictine College, 89-72.

The 'Cats forced Benedictine to turn over the ball 19 times, while shooting 50 percent from the field in the first half. The 'Cats led 47-27

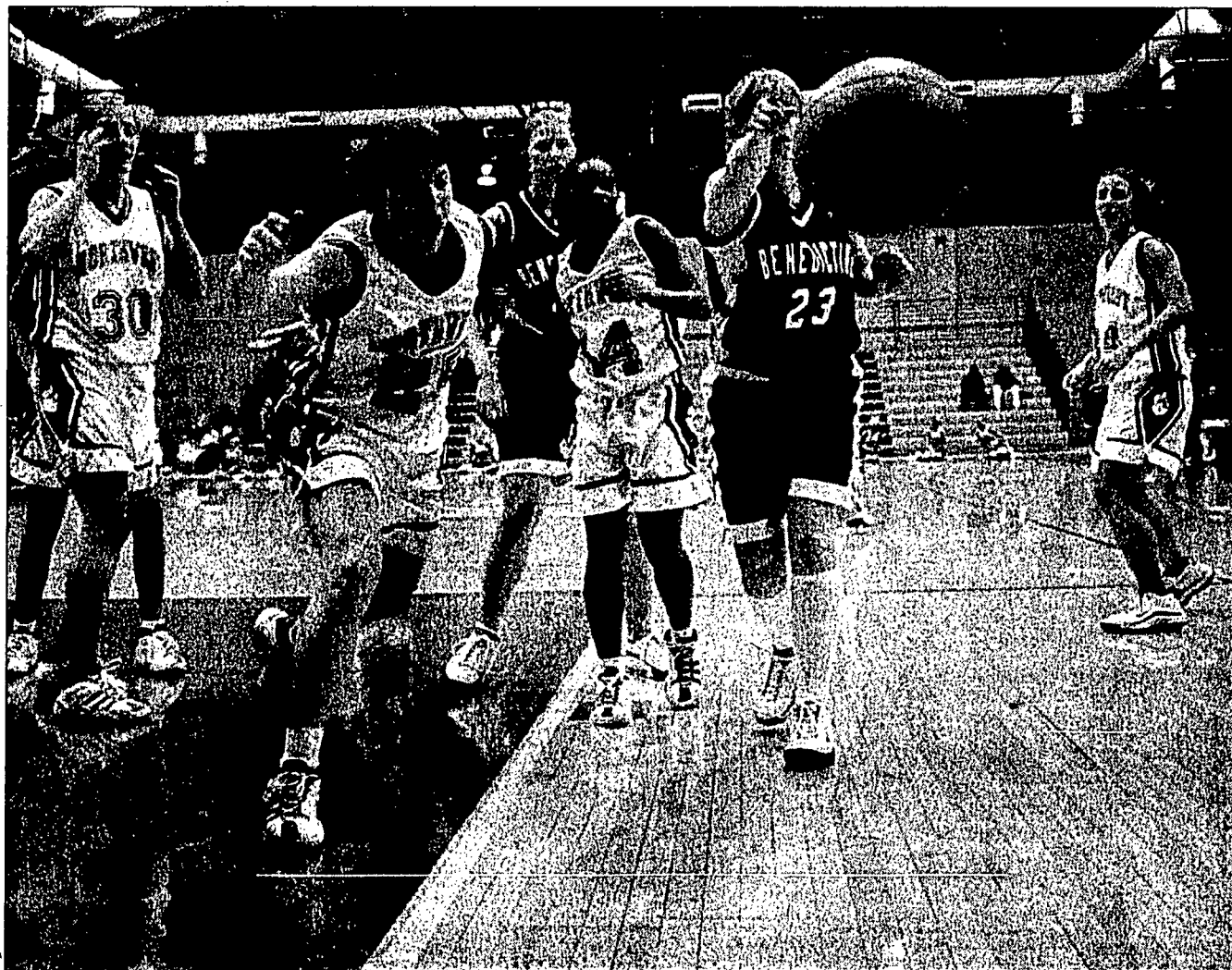


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Junior guard Jerrica Miller tries to keep the ball from going out of bounds Saturday against Benedictine college. Miller finished the contest with 18 points and 14 rebounds. Miller and the Bearcats will face-off against the Rockhurst University Hawks Saturday at 7 p.m.

at halftime.

In the second half, Benedictine played its way back into the game trailing by 10 with over five minutes left.

The Bearcats responded by going on an 11-4 run for the next three minutes, leading 87-70. During the final minutes of the game, junior guard Jerrica Miller made several lay-ups to captivate the Bearcats momentum.

The win marked the first back-to-

back wins for the 'Cats since November of 1998.

"The team feels good," Steinmeyer said. "The team is into breaking streaks this season. First the road win, and now this. As a team I feel that we played very well."

Miller led the Bearcats with 18 points, 14 rebounds, and five assists and steals. Three other Beacats scored double digits as freshman center Jenna Wolfe had 18 points. Freshman

guard Katie Scherer scored 14, while junior guard Amy Coy added 10 points.

"It's exciting to start out 3-1," Winter said. "And win two in a row, to have a streak is exciting too. It was a good win, a must win. We knew that we were a better team and we needed to play like that to prove it to ourselves."

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Maryville wrestling

'Hounds dominant for first victory of season

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

A young but determined Maryville wrestling team is making strides in building for a successful season after winning their first match of the year Tuesday against St. Pius X.

However, the Spoofhounds will not have much time to celebrate their 71-6 win over the Warriors as they hit the road for the first time this year at 7 p.m. Thursday against Plattsburg.

"They are going to have an older, experienced team," head coach Joe Drake said. "We don't know how we are going to match up against them just yet, but we know we should be able to keep it close, and as long as we are keeping things close we know we have a chance."

Going against a strong team like Plattsburg will be helpful for the 'Hounds this early in the season because it will pit them against a team that can show the 'Hounds some things they may need to work on, junior Jake Lancaster said.

"They are going to be good, it's going to be a tough match," Lancaster said. "A lot of guys from Plattsburg went to state and it will be a tough match for us."

The 'Hounds dominated St. Pius for their first win of the year, losing the only match in the 215-division due to a forfeit.

Drake said it was vital for the 'Hounds to come out poised and ready to win.

"We lost a close one to Savannah, and I don't think we came out and wrestled real aggressive," Drake said. "Our younger kids were a little too

timid early and we fell behind early. But that was the opposite tonight and we have to keep the momentum rolling because there are no seniors on the team wrestling. We need to keep on the young kids to come out aggressive and stay aggressive and they did that."

Maryville impressively won the meet when the first seven wrestlers won their matches by pins and forfeits.

"We talked about that early before the match that our junior varsity competed in a tournament and we had six to eight of them get pins under a minute in the tournament and that meant they were getting it done and now it was time for us to get it done," Drake said.

Freshman grappler Jonathan Hanna (103 lbs.) got things going for the 'Hounds pinning his opponent in 1:46 followed by freshman Anthony Ferry (112 lbs.) who won his match by a forfeit.

Sophomore Derek Merrill (119 lbs.) won his match in the quickest time for the 'Hounds, pinning his opponent in 1:40.

Freshman Joe Drake (125 lbs.) continued Maryville's streak by winning his match in 1:10.

Junior Kenneth Hanna (130 lbs.) seemed as if he may have troubles in keeping the 'Hounds pinning streak alive, but he continued it with 23 seconds left in the second period.

Sophomore Josh Wilson (135 lbs.) and junior Steve Growcock (140 lbs.) were successful in winning their matches in 1:25 and 1:18, respectively.

The 'Hounds pinning streak came



PHOTO BY MIKAYLA CHAMBERS/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spoofhound sophomore Evan Durfey beat Anthony Simone of St. Pius X during Tuesday night's tournament. The 'Hounds won 71-6.

to an end with sophomore Jared Steins (145 lbs.), but he still came out with a 16-1 win to give Maryville a convincing 47-0 lead.

"We feel that good in the fact that once we got the role started we did not ever let them back in," Drake said. "There was a couple of times like at 145 they took us down and it did not look real good, but we came back out of it and we scored at the end. The idea is that we don't give up and that was pretty evident tonight even with the kids that got into trouble fought back."

After that the 'Hounds finished off the Warriors, as junior C.J. Messner (152 lbs.) won in 53 seconds while

Lancaster (160 lbs.) defeated his opponent in 52 seconds.

Junior Cliff McIntosh (171 lbs.) was victorious in a forfeit and sophomore Evan Durfey (189 lbs.) won the final match with five seconds remaining in the first period.

"Well, a victory like this shows it's getting a lot better," Lancaster said.

"Everybody is working hard in practice and coach is pushing us hard. We don't have a full team right now but that makes us work harder in practice and we are becoming real good friends."

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Maryville girls' basketball

Cagers seek first victory against Eagles

By BRENT C. WAGNER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville girls' basketball team is hoping to break into the win column for the first time this season as they play host to a strong St. Joseph LeBlond team Thursday.

LeBlond brings a 4-0 record into the game at Maryville. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m. and head coach Randy Cook said he warned his players they better take the hardwood ready to play balanced basketball, or the losing ways will continue.

"They're a fast team and all they do is run and we'll have to be ready for them," junior Erin Lohafer said. "Their tallest girl is only 5-foot, 7-inches though, so we will force it into our post and make them stop us."

The 'Hounds have struggled early in the season as they currently sport a 0-2 record.

In the season opener last Thursday Maryville traveled to Lafayette to take on the Fighting Irish. The Spoofhounds struggled out of the halftime break, eventually dropping the contest 44-34. The Fighting Irish outscored Maryville 16-7 in the third quarter.

"Lafayette pretty much just took it to us," Cook said.

Senior forward Jessie Cooper was a force to be reckoned with on the offensive glass as she hauled in eight offensive rebounds.



Senior guard Dana Lade defends against a St. Pius X player during the 'Hounds 61-52 loss last Friday. Maryville is still seeking its first win of the season after losing to the Warriors and St. Joseph Lafayette to begin the season.

Cook cited Cooper's outstanding play, saying she was playing the best basketball of her life. Unfortunately, Cooper injured her ankle Friday night and is expected to be absent from the 'Hounds line up for the next two games.

The 'Hounds returned to the friendly confines of Maryville High School last Friday night to take on an unfamiliar foe, St. Pius in the home opener.

The 'Hounds carried a 44-38 lead into the fourth quarter, only to come up short in a 61-52 defeat.

"We had the lead and turned the ball over three times in a row which could have cost us the game," Cook said.

Lohafer led the effort in the paint for the 'Hounds as she snared six re-

bounds, while senior guard Dana Lade aided with four rebounds.

The team was disappointed with the start of the season.

"We were excited for the new season," Lohafer said. "We weren't satisfied with how last season ended, and really wanted to come out and show people we've changed. We've built a new offense, we just didn't play up to our potential. We played two good teams though, and we'll improve because of those games and start winning."

Following Thursday night's game, Maryville will begin preparations for the Nodaway County Tournament, Dec. 11-16 in Maryville.

Lohafer said there is little doubt the 'Hounds have set their sights

on playing for the championship.

"We're looking forward to the tournament and have set our goal to play in the title game," Lohafer said.

The road to the title clash would require wins over West Nodaway and Jefferson, before a possible championship game with North Nodaway, Cook said.

Cook remains optimistic his squad will improve in time for the tournament.

"Thursday night is key for us. We would much rather go into the tournament 1-2 instead of 0-3," Cook said. "We're just taking it one game at a time though and we'll be all right."

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ON THE SIDELINES

What an editor wants

By BLAKE DREHLE
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Like past years, *The Missourian*, sports editor's final column of the fall semester is a Christmas wish list. I do not want to break this trend, so you get to read what this editor desires the most.

When I went home for Thanksgiving break my mother asked me to make a list of things I wanted for Christmas. I really did not think about it at the time, but as the evening wore on there was nothing I wanted.

I finally sat down and wrote three of the most obvious things this 21-year-old would like.

My first wish was \$1 million. My mom read this, looked at me and said I was on my own.

I knew she would say something like that, so I told her the Stroller wrote in its column that all Northwest students are mindless idiots.

The second wish on my list was my very own juice bar. I only wrote this because my mom is a devoted Christian and it upsets her that I would write something like this.

I just told her I wanted to be like my television idol, Anthony Soprano. After that remark she said I would be lucky to get a Merry Christmas on the 25th.

What is wrong with mob life? My final wish did get a laugh out of my mom because it was just a goof and uncontrollable. That wish was for the Philadelphia Eagles to win the Super Bowl.

Back in 1988, I started paying close attention to the NFL, and I noticed a team that had one of the most athletic and competitive quarterbacks in the league. This team also had a ruthless defense with the hardest hitting.

I grew up in awe of what quarterback Randall Cunningham could do with no offensive line, a struggling running game and past their prime wide receivers, with the exception of tight end Keith Jackson. Do not ask me about what happened with receiver Chris Carter.

It amazed me how one man could do so much for the offense while a

group of players nicknamed 'Gang Green' wreaked so much havoc defensively.

You have to love it when an assembly of players go week in and week out and have the same intensity to play this game.

If you do not recall, this defense produced players such as defensive linemen Reggie White, Mike Pitts, Mike Golic and Clyde Simmons.

But the guy I enjoyed watching the most, and in my mind one of the greatest at his position during his short career, was defensive tackle Jerome Brown.

Brown outlined the Eagles' defense because he was the necessary piece that kept this team dominant on the field and in the locker room.

Those who follow the NFL know during the summer of 1992 Brown was killed in an car accident.

After Brown's death the Eagles' defense went down hill over the next few years due to free agency, injuries and retirements.

This really hurt me because in the spring of '92 I also lost my father to cancer, and what really helped me through this time was remembering how we used to watch the Eagles.

He always made it his personal goal to cheer against them or bash them just to 'get my goat.' If he did not do that he would turn the channel and make me watch Ma and Pa Kettle movies. He was always doing something like that to irritate me, but when I look back at it now I just have to laugh.

I realized how short and precious life is after their lives were taken so unexpectedly. From that summer I vowed to myself that the Eagles would be forever my team no matter how bad things would get.

There have been some good years, but there have also been some bad years. But this year's Eagles team reminds me of the team of the late '80s and early '90s.

With each game I am reminded of all the past memories and I am enjoying a new love for this team.

Maybe my third wish has already been granted even without the Super Bowl win. To me it is not about the championships and glory every year, it is the memories of the joy and misery you overcome and battle through every season.

But even if my third wish sounds too ridiculous to believe, I could win the \$1 million in the lottery and buy my own juice bar. What do you have to say about that Stroller?

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Maryville boys' basketball

'Hounds rout Savannah, LeBlond next

By BILL KNUST
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville boys' basketball team continues to impress this year, following a 56-27 win over Savannah last Friday.

The 'Hounds now set their sights on undefeated St. Joseph LeBlond at 8 p.m. on Friday at LeBlond.

"We have to just concentrate on LeBlond," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We can't be looking ahead because LeBlond is undefeated."

Kuwitzky said LeBlond will present problems to the 'Hounds offense in the form of a 1-3-1 zone defense, something that the 'Hounds have not

seen this year.

"Our intentions are to get out of there with any victory at all because it is going to be very hard fought and very close," Kuwitzky said. "They are tough to beat on their home floor."

While they are not looking by LeBlond, Kuwitzky said the team is looking forward to the Nodaway County Tournament that runs December 11-16.

One of the teams goals every year is to win the tournament and this year will be no different.

The team will play its first game against Fairfax 4 p.m. Monday at the 'Hound Pound.

"The Nodaway tournament is a

very good tournament," Kuwitzky said. "There are a lot of good teams in it and every year the teams that come out of the tournament have very good seasons, so we respect our competition."

Maryville earned a little respect of their own this past weekend following their 56-27 victory at Savannah.

"We didn't expect the score to end up that way," Kuwitzky said. "A lot of things went our way, so I think it will be a tough game every time we play them."

The 'Hounds turned up the defensive pressure to thwart any kind of Savage success on the offensive side of the ball.

Forcing 17 first half turnovers the

'Hounds raced out to a 36-8 lead at half time.

Senior point guard Cody Burch scored 14 points, all in the first half, to lead all players at the half.

Savannah came out of the locker room fired up in the second half scoring 11 points.

Maryville scored only 20 points in the second half, compared to Savannah's 19.

Senior post player Jon Akins led all scorers for the game with 16 points.

Kuwitzky liked how other players were stepping up their scoring.

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Players mix well for 'Cats

By TIM DUBBIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest women's basketball team has many new faces and styles and with a 3-1 record, there has been little concern about the team playing as one.

Returning players and new players have added a new dimension to this year's team.

"We have a smaller team this year," junior Amanda Winter said. "This allows us to be a much faster team. Last year we had height but were unable to keep up with teams for the whole game. It affected our game a lot as we were not able to press as much as we wanted. This year we are faster and have more players, allowing us to make full-court presses."

Despite the success so far, some new players have experienced difficulties changing from high school to Division II basketball.

"It's a lot harder than it was in high school," freshman Jenna Wolfe said. "It was tough for me to adjust to the schedules and having to deal with time management. I'm not good at that."

Playing the game was an obstacle for some freshman because they were playing in longer contests and had to do what was best for the team, freshman Katie Scherer said.

"I had to adjust to longer games," Scherer said. "I also had to adjust to coming off the bench. I know that a lot of the new players used to start for their teams last year, so it's something different. It is fun though to come off the bench for five minutes and just give it your all for those five minutes."

With more depth on the team, the Bearcats seem to be running on all cylinders, head coach Gene Steinmeyer said.

"There are no one-person games this year," Winter said. "Last year we needed four out of the five starters to score in double digits to keep ourselves in the game. This year is completely the opposite as players are coming off of the bench scoring in double digits."

As the season continues, the

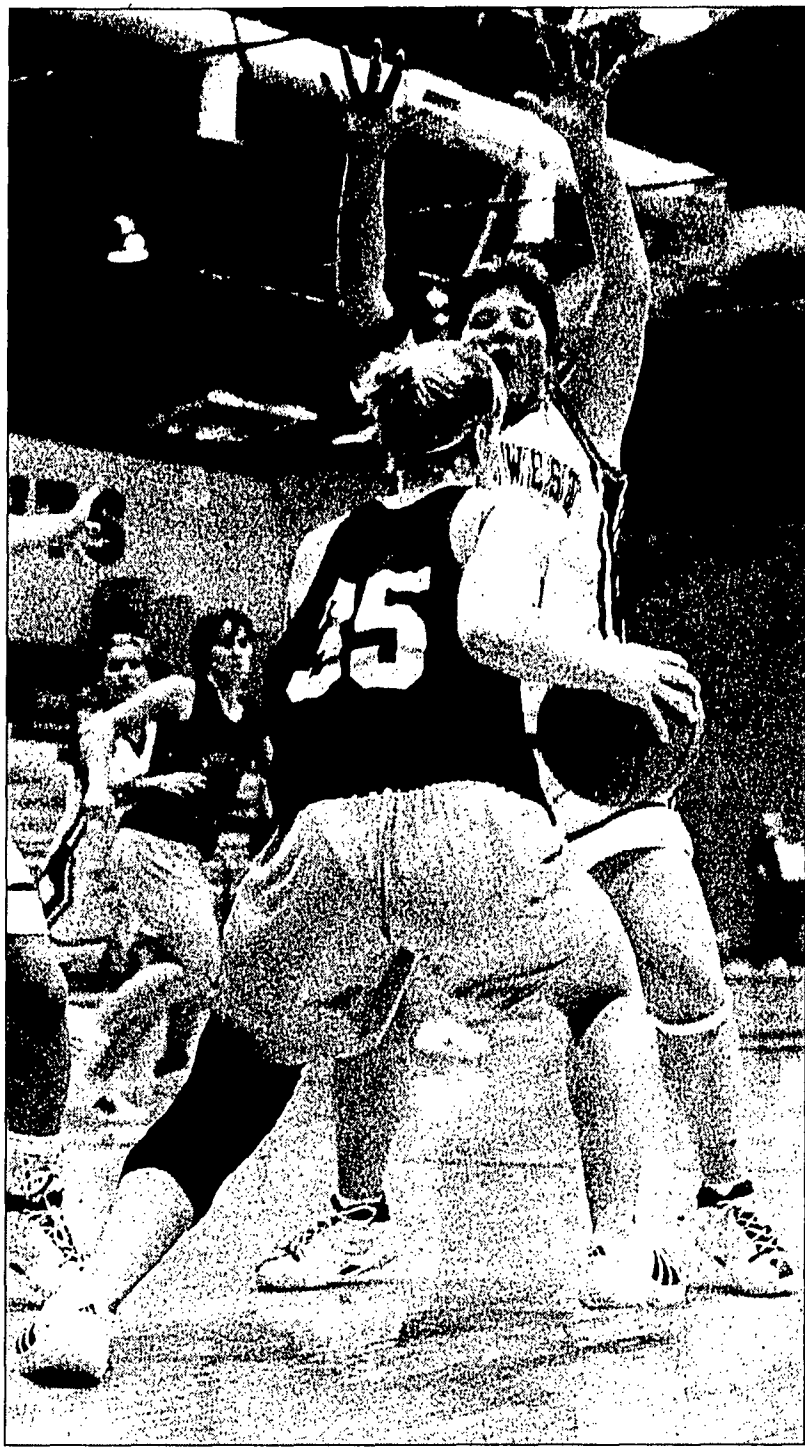


PHOTO BY MIKAYLA CHAMBERS/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Freshman guard Katie Scherer pressures a defender to turnover the ball in a recent game. Scherer is one of several freshman that has received playing time this season for the 'Cats and meshed with the older players in helping Northwest start the year 3-1.

bonding within the team is growing stronger with each game.

"Roadtrips are fun," Scherer said. "On our last trip we all watched a film, went to the mall and ate together."

Upperclassmen know the importance of a team being able to blend together.

"We mesh well now," Winter said. "It will get better as we have

more trips and spend our time off together.

Despite all the new player's styles being different from the players who played last year, they seem to be playing together well.

"I'm going to do whatever coach tells me," Wolfe said. "We all want to do what we can to help the team."

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2000 Division II All-Midwest region team

First-team offense

QUARTERBACK: Eric DeGraff, senior, Augustana
RUNNING BACKS: Lamar Gordon, junior, North Dakota State
Adam Wright, senior, Nebraska-Omaha
WIDE RECEIVERS: Matt Holmlund, junior, Augustana

Lester McCoy, senior, Emporia State
ALL-PURPOSE BACK: Tony Miles, senior, Northwest
TIGHT END: Steve Comer, senior, Northwest

CENTER: John Semchenko, senior, North Dakota State

GUARDS: Eric Cuka, senior, Northern State

Matt Howard, junior, Pittsburg State

TACKLES: Ryan Burkholder, senior, Northern Colorado

Andy Erpelding, senior, Northwest

KICKER: Cameron Peterka, junior, North Dakota

First-team defense

LINE: Aaron Becker, senior, Northwest

Chris Cooper, senior, Nebraska-Omaha

Scott Schultz, senior, North Dakota

LINEBACKERS: Wes Baker, senior, Pittsburg State

Jared Maher, senior, North Dakota State

Ryan Goven, senior, North Dakota

Brian Williams, senior, Northwest

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Russell Burwel, senior, South Dakota

Chad Geiger, junior, Nebraska-Omaha

Dontaye McCoy, sophomore, Emporia State

Travis Stepps, junior, Pittsburg State

PUNTER: Ryan Dutton, senior, Minnesota State-Mankato

Second-team offense

QUARTERBACK: Travis Miles, senior, Northwest

RUNNING BACKS: Tyrone Morgan, senior, Northern State

Eddie Acosta, sophomore, Bemidji State

Dave Jansen, senior, Northwest

WIDE RECEIVERS: Jerris Evans, junior, Missouri Western

Damien Hoffman, senior, Minnesota-Morris

ALL-PURPOSE BACK: Richard Lewis, junior, North Dakota State

TIGHT END: A.G. Kruger, senior, Morningside

CENTER: Lucas Brigman, sophomore, Nebraska-Omaha

GUARDS: Josh Hauble, junior, North Dakota State

Josh Raaz, senior, Truman State

TACKLES: Chuck Klabo, sophomore, North Dakota State

Ryan Stadum, senior, Augustana

Second-team defense

LINE: Jon Bussewitz, senior, Winona State

Jon Friessen, senior, Morningside

Colston Weatherington, senior, Central Missouri State

Reggie Smith, senior, Missouri Southern

LINEBACKERS: Ryan Evenson, senior, North Dakota State

Dewey Reilly, senior, Minnesota-Mankato

Wes Simmons, senior, Northwest

Josh Stamer, senior, South Dakota

Ryan Hoffman, junior, Nebraska-Omaha

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Roman Evans, senior, Augustana

Brad Wagner, senior, North Dakota

Travis Welch, senior, Winona State

Kevin Westbrook, junior, Minnesota-Duluth

PUNTER: Cory Schmidgall, senior, Minnesota State-Moorhead

Chris Lutz, sophomore, Pittsburg State

All-MIAA soccer team

First Team

■ *Emily Huyck, Truman State, goal, keeper junior

■ *Meredith Hartle, Truman State, defenseman, senior

■ Melissa Layton, Central Missouri State, defenseman, sophomore

■ Connie Meyers, Missouri-Rolla, defenseman, senior

■ Nicole Thorpe, Truman State, defenseman, junior

■ Molly Adams, Truman State, midfielder, junior

■ Melissa Miller, Truman State, midfielder, junior

■ Jessica Shultz, Missouri-Rolla, midfielder, sophomore

■ Katie Smith, Central Missouri State, midfielder, sophomore

■ *April Reyes, Central Missouri State, forward, freshman

■ *Denise McMillan, Missouri-Rolla, forward, senior

*=Unanimous selection †=First-team All-MIAA in 1999

Second Team

■ Moe Ybarra, Missouri Southern, goal, keeper, junior

■ Jennifer Gnefkow, Northwest, defenseman, sophomore

■ Megan Heideman, Central Missouri, defenseman, junior

■ Shaunita Sharpe, Central Missouri, defenseman, junior

■ Lisa Suiter, Missouri-Rolla, defenseman, freshman

■ Josi Wright, Missouri-Rolla, defenseman, junior

■ Jill Anderson, Northwest, midfielder, freshman

■ Jessica Rausch, Central Missouri, midfielder, junior

■ Anna Smith, Truman State, midfielder, sophomore

■ Janel Wegehaupt, Northwest, midfielder, sophomore

■ Stephanie Cepicky, Truman State, forward, senior

■ Lizz Szkybalo, Missouri-Rolla, forward, senior

Five backs were selected due to a tie in voting

Honorable Mention

■ Ana Mora, Missouri-Rolla, goal, keeper, sophomore

■ Carrie Payne, Central Missouri, goal, keeper, junior

■ Karla Danekas, Truman State, defenseman, sophomore

■ Melissa Husby, Missouri Southern, defenseman, freshman

■ Keara Jones, Southwest Baptist, defenseman, freshman

■ Tiffany Meyer, Central Missouri, defenseman, sophomore

■ Stacy Pidgeon, Southwest Baptist, defenseman, junior

■ Beth Weiman, Truman State, defenseman, freshman

■ Amanda Zook, Missouri Southern, defenseman, sophomore

■ Kelli Best, Truman State, midfielder, junior

■ Stephanie Doerr, Missouri Southern, midfielder, freshman

■ Missy Ell, Truman State, midfielder, junior

■ Kasey Morris, Missouri-Rolla, midfielder, sophomore

■ Jessie Noid, Missouri Southern, midfielder, freshman

■ Barb Porter, Missouri-Rolla, midfielder, freshman

■ Sabrina Sanders, Central Missouri, midfielder, senior

■ Rory Okey, Northwest, forward, freshman

■ Jessica Pohren, Truman State, forward, sophomore

■ Niki Taylor, Truman State, forward, senior

■ Kendi Vrska, Missouri Southern, forward, freshman

Most Valuable Player:

■ Meredith Hartle

Freshman of the Year:

■ April Reyes

Co-Coaches of the Year:

■ Mike Cannon Truman State

■ Geoff VanDeusen Missouri Southern

D-II teams prep for title game

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Division II National Championship football game maybe where fans will be asking who the teams are, but looks may be deceiving.

Pitting Delta State University, 13-1 overall, against Bloomsburg University, 11-2 overall, at 1 p.m. Saturday in Florence, Ala., the matchup was not predicted by anyone, but both teams fought hard to qualify for the game.

After downing North Dakota State University 34-16, Delta State enters its first national championship game as the favorite, but the Statesmen will have their hands full with Bloomsburg, head coach Steve Campbell said.

"We know that they are a strong running team with a very talented quarterback and running back, and this is going to be a very physical game," Campbell said. "I know they are going to be ready to play us and we are excited."

Averaging 38 points a game the Statesmen are led by junior quarterback Josh Bright, who is second-leading rusher on the option-oriented offense team with 1,320 yards on 206 carries and 18 touchdowns.

Bright has thrown for 1,348 yards and 14 touchdowns this season.

Junior running back Rico McDonald has also been a vital part of the Statesmen attack, averaging 110 yards a game rushing. He is the leading rusher with 1,551 yards on 260 carries and 17 touchdowns.

Defensively, Delta State is led by Gulf Central Conference all-conference senior linebacker Rory Bell.

The Statesmen qualified for the championship game after dominating North Dakota State last Saturday. After jumping out to a 20-0 lead in the first quarter, Delta State held off junior running back Lamar Gordon's 140 yards rushing charge.

The Bison came into the game having to start freshman third-string quarterback Jason Jordan because of injuries.

The Statesmen opponent may get even less respect before kickoff Saturday, but Bloomsburg has earned the respect of the teams they have beaten in the playoffs.

After upholding No. 2-ranked University of California-Davis 58-48 last Saturday, the Huskies are ready to participate in their first ever National Championship, head coach Danny Hale said.

"We never got down emotionally despite trailing by 19 points in the game against UC-Davis," Hale said. "We kept our poise and kept chipping away at the lead and before long we were back in the game and eventually pulled it out. It was a great game, one that will be talked about for a long time."

The Huskies are led by senior quarterback Eric Miller, who has thrown for 3,035 yards and 36 touchdowns this season. Miller also broke the Division II playoff touchdown passing record, throwing 14 and breaking the record set by Northwest quarterback Chris Griesen in 1998.

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All-MIAA volleyball team

First Team

■ Sarah Eldahl, Missouri Western, senior, outside hitter

■ Jill Gassen, Washburn, junior, middle, setter

■ † Robyn Griffin, Central Missouri State, junior, setter

■ Eliza Hoerner, Truman State, junior, middle, setter

■ † Monica Marlowe, Truman State, sophomore, setter

■ Lindsey Palaia, Missouri Western, sophomore, setter

■ †† Jill Quast, Northwest, senior, outside, setter

■ Airon Scofield, Missouri Western, junior outside, setter

†= Repeat first-team choice from 1998
††= Repeat first-team choice from 1997 and 1998

Second Team

■ Jacque Barr, Central Missouri State,

sophomore, ds

■ Tracy Carter, Central Missouri State, freshman, middle, setter

■ Cassy Felkerson, Truman State, junior, middle, setter

■ Rhea Griffin, Central Missouri State, senior, outside, setter

■ April Martin, Emporia State, junior, middle, setter

■ Janell Mohme, Central Missouri State, junior, middle, setter

■ Abby Sunderman, Northwest, senior, middle, setter

■ Dina Wathan, Pittsburg State, freshman, outside, setter

Honorable Mention

■ Amber Collins, Missouri Southern, senior, outside, setter

■ Megan Danek, Northwest, sophomore, setter

■ Molly Driftmier, Northwest, junior, middle, setter

■ Mandy Feldmann, Central Missouri State, senior, middle, setter

■ Jenny Glenn, Truman State, junior, outside, setter

■ Becky Hanish, Washburn, senior, outside, setter

■ Gloria Ilariogun, Pittsburg State, freshman, middle, setter

■ Jayme McNabb, Southwest Baptist, junior, ds

■ Nikki Runnebaum, Emporia State, senior, outside, setter

■ Katie Scheisl, Missouri Western, junior, setter

■ Janelle Zehr, Truman State, senior, outside, setter

Most Valuable Player

■ Jill Quast

Freshman of the Year

■ Trudy Carter

Coach of the Year

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Jake Lancaster

Wanderer thanks readers



THE STROLLER

So, I don't care if you hate me or love me ... you're still reading this column. Friends, I give you this challenge: Don't simply make brainless and gutless observations about the squirrels, the Belltower, and bad parking; every university has those things. Instead, like one of my heroes, Harry Truman, make bold statements and decisions that challenge authority and the "system," then stick up for what you believe.

Someone remarked that I won't be remembered a year from now, and that man was right. But the Stroller will always be remembered, at least until you stop making confident assertions that stand "outside of the box." According to Descartes, "I think, therefore I am." When we fail to think critically, we fail to exist.

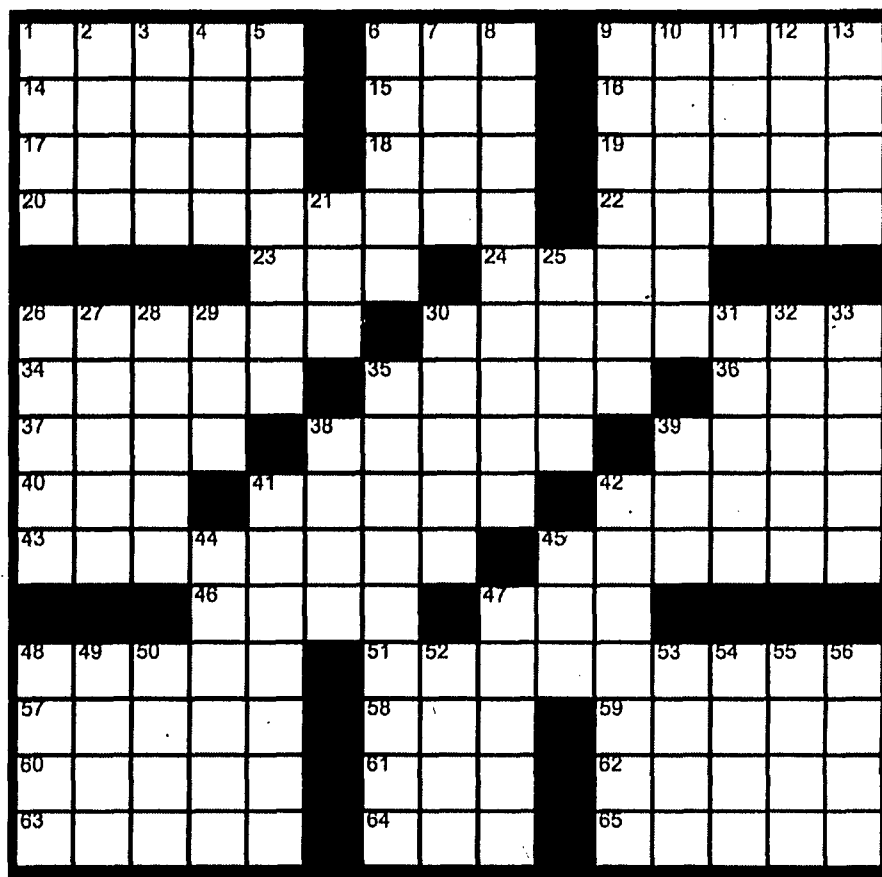
To Northwest students, I give you the words of Lester Burnham in "American Beauty": "It's hard to stay mad when there's so much beauty in the world ... and I can't feel anything but gratitude for every single moment of my stupid little life. You have no idea what I'm talking about, I'm sure. But don't worry: You will some day." Enjoy life, but never forget that you're alive.

Finally, thanks to Josh, Mark and especially Kelly Y. for your help. Without you, I couldn't have made so many people angry. And God, thanks for John 8:32.

So now I stroll out into the real world (hopefully not awaiting shotguns and pitchforks aimed against me). In the words of the wise Ferris Bueller, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." Maybe if you listened to Ferris, petty articles like this one won't offend you. Goodbye, thanks, and good luck. Oh, and ... you're welcome.

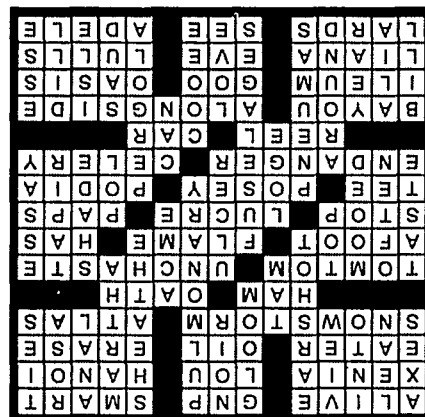
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In the Spotlight

Students work to bring big name entertainment to campus

By NAOMEY WILFORD
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Spotlight, the campus organization formerly called CAPS, is creating a new image for itself as its members strive to bring compelling entertainment to campus.

After changing its name last spring, the organization also changed its leadership. Instead of having officers, Spotlight has a board of programming directors.

Nick Wells, coordinator of the programming board, is new to Spotlight, accepting the position after Thanksgiving break. Other members of the board are students Chase Rasa and Shane Foust, and Mike Robertson, graduate assistant at the Campus Activities Office.

"I'm just like every other kid on campus," Wells said. "I don't feel like we've seen anything really big for a long time. I agree that there hasn't been much and I'd like to try to change that."

Wells said he hopes Spotlight will be able to bring a variety of new activities to campus next year and suggestions from students are always welcome.

"We'll try to plan something monthly and as summer goes by, we'll try to bring in even more entertainment, but for awhile it will just be trial and error to see what's going to work and what's not," Wells said.

Bryan Vanosdale, director of Campus Activities, said he hopes Spotlight will be able to get more students interested in the entertainment they provide.

"With not a lot of students interested in the programs, it's hard to get students interested in the organization to help plan the programs," Vanosdale said. "People have called Northwest a suitcase campus, and it's sometimes very hard to plan things because I don't know how to appeal to those students."

Vanosdale said the free movie nights Spotlight sponsored the past two summers at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center were a huge success. However, Vanosdale said the turnout for entertainment activities is usually not very high during the school year.

"We've done surveys, but you can't get an overwhelming consensus on what students want," Vanosdale said.

Last spring a marketing research class conducted a survey for Vanosdale to help him know what students want.

The survey included 1,000 students and Vanosdale said the results showed that 75 percent of those surveyed said the average cost they would be willing to pay for a campus activity was \$10.

The cost of bringing different types of entertainment to campus varies, but Vanosdale said the Campus Activities budget pays for the entertainment because Northwest does not have a student activities fee.

Most of Spotlight's activities are free, but there is a charge for concerts, comedians and similar forms of entertainment. For example, students paid \$18 for floor seats and \$16 for balcony seats to see "Footloose" at MLPAC. However, if Spotlight were to bring in a well-recognized artist for a concert at Mary Linn, Vanosdale said tickets would cost more than \$45.

"I wish we would be able to



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Spotlight cosponsored the Encore performance of "Footloose" to a full house Oct. 25. The success of "Footloose" and other Spotlight sponsored events have caused the organization to restructure its leadership to help draw major entertainment into Maryville's small venue. A board of programming directors replaced officers.

bring things people would come to," Vanosdale said. "They should just come out and try it. Enjoy it. Some stuff is free, some stuff is not, but we try to keep it cost conducive to what they can afford. Take the time to read the bulletin boards and see what's going on."

When planning which entertainers and performers to bring to campus, Vanosdale said he calls agencies to see what other campuses they have been to, and sometimes he calls other Universities to see what went well and what students liked.

Spotlight's programming board has been watching videos, listening to CDs and finding out what types of entertainment are available, but they will not have another meeting until January. Spotlight does not have regular weekly meetings, but Vanosdale said about 15 people usually attend meetings to decide on programs each trimester.

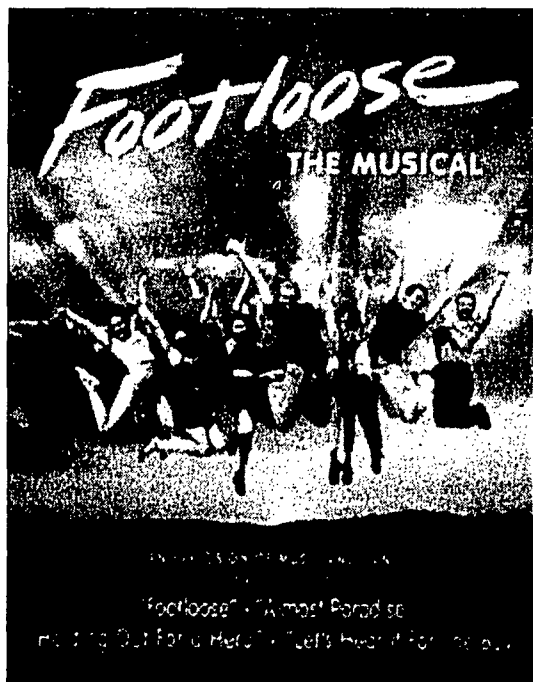
"Spring is a time we can get a few more activities in," Vanosdale said. "I

want students to be able to go to a comedy night and laugh their heads off, or go see people get crazy at a hypnotist's program. I want to see things like that. My goal is to provide some fun for the students."

Hypnotist Michael Anthony came to Northwest last spring and Spotlight plans to schedule him again this spring.

"We had a good turnout and he's awesome to work with," Vanosdale said. "Hopefully the students who saw him last spring will spread the word that he was greatly enjoyed."

With a new name for the organization, Vanosdale said he hopes Spotlight will become appealing as the programming board works with students to bring fun and excitement to campus.



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NEW RELEASES

Movies

Dec. 8

■ "Dungeons and Dragons" - Thora Birch and Jeremy Irons
 ■ "Proof of Life" - Meg Ryan and Russell Crowe
 ■ "Vertical Limit" - Chris O'Donnell and Bill Paxton

Dec. 15

■ "Dude, Where's my Car?" - Ashton Kutcher and Seann William Scott
 ■ "The Emperor's New Groove" - David Spade and John Goodman
 ■ "What Women Want" - Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt

Dec. 22

■ "Cast Away" - Tom Hanks and Helen Hunt
 ■ "Family Man" - Nicholas Cage
 ■ "Miss Congeniality" - Sandra Bullock

Music

This Week

■ Alice in Chains: Live
 ■ K-Ci and JoJo: X
 ■ Pat Boone: 20th Century Masters...
 ■ Usher: All About U
 ■ Rage Against the Machine: Renegades
 ■ Funkmaster Flex: LOUD

Dec. 9

■ Ray Charles: Cocktail Hour
 ■ Nat King Cole: Love Songs

Dec. 12

■ Cypress Hill: Live at the Fillmore
 ■ Tool: Salival

■ Tom Jones: Hits and Duets

■ Green Day: Warning

■ Santana: Nudei

Dec. 12

■ Snoop Dogg: The Last Meal



MOVIE REVIEW

UNBREAKABLE

By DEREK McDERMOTT
 MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Some of my favorite movies, such as "Usual Suspects" and "Clerks" all have one thing in common. All have a great and unpredictable ending which is exactly what this week's movie "Unbreakable" provides.

M. Night Shyamalan has made a name for himself by creating movies with multiple plot twists that keeps the audience guessing and Unbreakable is no exception. Much like his last release "Sixth Sense," Shyamalan has provided a movie that will intrigue audiences up until the very end.

The two lead characters, David Dunn, Bruce Willis and Elijah Price, Samuel L. Jackson are both characters that are almost the exact opposite of one another. Willis's character in the movie appears to be unbreakable while Jackson's character is extremely fragile.

Shyamalan does a great job of making these two characters go through several strange situations that allows the audience to guess, but never really know what happens next. "Unbreakable" is definitely worth your time and money and I highly recommend it.



MUSIC REVIEW

NOT THAT KIND

BY ANASTACIA

By DANNY BURNS
 DAILY ONLINE CONTENT EDITOR

With an incredible voice, songs that spawn spontaneous dancing and a great new sound, Anastacia's debut album, "Not that Kind," is relief for today's teen-pop overkill.

Everyone has heard the songs on the radio with the same digitally-edited background beats, distorted vocals and light fluffy lyrics. Enter Anastacia, a new artist with a voice that could be described as a cross between Tina Turner and Aretha Franklin with a whole lot of attitude.

Anastacia has received global attention and is already topping the charts in Europe and Australia with her debut single "Not that Kind." The single was recently released in the U.S. and is available at www.cdnow.com and music stores throughout the country. The entire debut album, which Anastacia co-wrote, is set for release in the U.S. within three months.

The repetitive, overplayed, overused style of music on radio today has got a brand new enemy. Grab the single and watch for the album because Anastacia is a great shot in the arm for music lovers everywhere.

Spirit of the

Holiday movies,

By MARJIE KOSMAN
 FEATURES EDITOR

Christmas is a time for giving, sharing and of course, movies. The fun of family-gathering and Yuletide spirit has been captured on countless films that can be viewed year after year.

Some movies, such as "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," crack viewers up with slapstick humor and hilarious observations about family and the holidays. "Christmas Vacation" chronicles the seasonal events of the Griswald family as Clark, played by Chevy Chase, tries to give his family an enjoyable Christmas complete with the gift of a swimming pool, bought by his Christmas bonus. A hilarious sequence of events occur, such as the uninvited cousin Eddie, played by Randy Quaid, and his family showing up for the soiree in a recreational vehicle, polyester pants and a dog with a drooling problem.

Add in a squirrel in the Christmas tree and cat food in the Jell-O, and it should come as no surprise that many people find this to be one of the funniest holiday movies made.

"A Christmas Story" starring Peter Billingsley and Darren McGavin is another humorous film about family values around the holidays.

All Ralphie wants for Christmas is a Red Ryder BB Gun. Trying to convince his mother that he will not shoot his eye out and dealing with a father who curses the heating system and neighbor's dogs daily provides for some hysterical scenes.

The movie allows viewers to relate to the childhood pranks, such as sticking a tongue to a flagpole in the freezing cold, and being frightened of the class bully. Author Jean Shepherd's voice as the narrator provides insight into Ralphie's way of thinking and longing for his elusive Christmas wish.

A classic Christmas film is "It's a Wonderful Life," starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed.

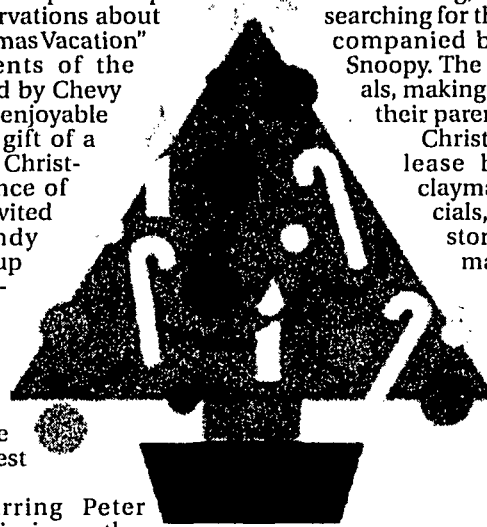
Made in 1946, the film originally failed in the box office and was not popular until television broadcast the movie years later.

Stewart plays George Bailey, a building and loan worker who dreams of leaving the little town of Bedford Falls. After

being tricked into saving a guardian angel from the Bedford Falls River on Christmas Eve, Bailey gets a look at what life would be like if he did not exist. The glimpse gives Bailey a new lease on life and he runs back to life in a small town with open arms.

A favorite among children and adults is "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Although it is only 30 minutes long, the cartoon reveals Charlie Brown searching for the true meaning of Christmas, accompanied by his friends, Linus, Lucy and Snoopy. The show combines humor and morals, making it appealing to both children and their parents.

Christmas has always been a time to release blockbuster films and create claymation and celebrity television specials, but despite new takes on age-old stories, these movies are sure to remain American classics.



Top Christmas Albums

1. Charlotte Church: Dream A Dream
2. Christina Aguilera: My Kind Of Christmas
3. Various Artists: Platinum Christmas
4. Kenny G: Faith: A Holiday Album
5. Rosie O'Donnell: Another Rosie Christmas
6. 'N Sync: Home For Christmas
7. Billy Gilman: Classic Christmas
8. Soundtrack: Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas
9. Carreras-Domingo-Pavarotti (Mercurio): The Three Tenors Christmas
10. Celine Dion: These Are Special Times
11. Jewel: Joy: A Holiday Collection
12. Garth Brooks: The Magic Of Christmas
13. Nat King Cole: Christmas Favorites
14. Kenny G: Miracles—The Holiday Album
15. 98 Degrees: This Christmas
16. Various Artists: Ultimate Christmas
17. Martina McBride: White Christmas
18. SheDaisy: Brand New Year
19. Rosie O'Donnell: A Rosie Christmas
20. Soundtrack: Ally McBeal: A Very Ally Christmas Featuring Vonda Shepard



Season



Music and TV specials portray seasonal message

Every year, television brings doses of Christmas spirit into viewers' homes through made-for-television specials and classic holiday movies. This year is no exception. Here is a guide to television's best offerings of holiday joy.

Dec. 8

'Ebenezer' noon, TNT
Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" receives a western twist in this 1998 remake starring Jack Palance and Rick Schroder.

Dec. 9

Scrooged 7 p.m., TNT
Another adaptation of "A Christmas Carol," this film, starring Bill Murray, puts humor in the classic story about the true meaning of Christmas.

Dec. 11

A Charlie Brown Christmas 7 p.m., CBS
Originally broadcast on Dec. 9, 1965, this age-old classic starring the whole Peanuts gang represents the true meaning of Christmas.

Dec. 13

A Diva's Christmas Carol 7 p.m., VH1
A modern spin on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," this original movie stars Vanessa Williams as singer Ebony. The superstar has a change of attitude after she is visited by three ghosts on Christmas Eve.

Dec. 14

Snowden's Christmas 7 p.m., CBS
Using stop-motion animation, this special focuses on the stuffed snowman, Snowden and his toy friends as they travel halfway across the country to return to their owner for Christmas. It features a star-studded cast of voices, such as Peter MacNicol, Kathy Najimy, Edward Asner and Michael McKean.

A Garfield Christmas Special 7:30 p.m., CBS
This cartoon musical features the popular comic strip cat, Garfield, his owner, Jon, and his friend, Odie as they venture to the country for an old-fashioned Christmas.

Dec. 16

"The Sound of Music" 6 p.m., NBC
This classic musical starring Julie Andrews has become a holiday tradition for NBC. The movie tells the story of the Von Trapps through memorable music.

Dec. 17

"The Christmas Secret" 8 p.m., CBS
Starring Beau Bridges and Richard Thomas, this original movie involves a scientist who tries to prove that reindeer can fly and ends up learning more about himself.

"It's a Wonderful Life" 7 p.m., NBC
Starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed, this holiday classic features the inspiring story of George Bailey, played by Stewart, and his newfound joy for life.

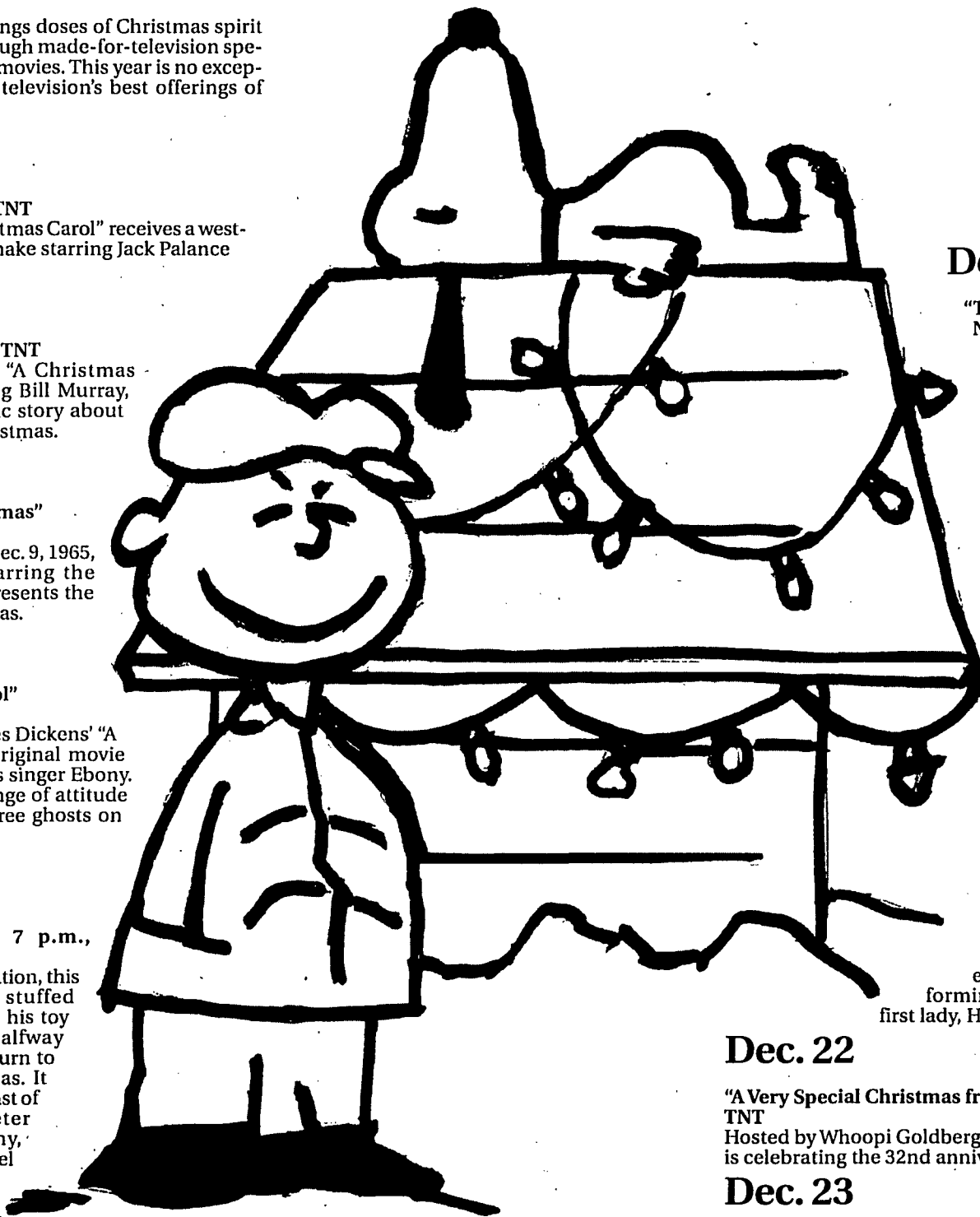
"Christmas in Washington" 7 p.m., TNT
A benefit concert for the Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C., this televised event features popular artists performing for President Bill Clinton and first lady, Hillary.

Dec. 22

"A Very Special Christmas from Washington, D.C." 9 p.m., TNT
Hosted by Whoopi Goldberg, this concert held for the Clintons is celebrating the 32nd anniversary of the Special Olympics.

Dec. 23

"The Story of Santa Claus" 7 p.m., CBS
The story of a toymaker who wishes to deliver a toy to every child for Christmas stars the voices of Edward Asner, Tim Curry and Betty White.



Happy Holidays from The Northwest Missourian

Everyday language focus of Lab Series



PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Troy Dargin listens as Reid Kirchhoff explains what being in a "Philadelphia" means. "The Philadelphia" is one of three one-act plays that are part of the lab series "All in the Timing," which will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Black Box Theatre. Tickets are available at the door for \$1.

7 students to give performance at Black Box Theatre Thursday night

By MICHAELA KANGER

PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

The last lab series of the semester will be performed Thursday night.

"All in the Timing," is a comedy made up of three one act plays by playwright David Ives.

The acts focus on how language affects people's everyday lives and makes humor out of language.

The production consist of a smaller cast. The thee acts include "Sure thing," with Melissa Ough and Lance Christofferson, "The Philadelphia," with Reid Kirchhoff, Try Dargin and Rachel Vierick and "The Universal Language," with Kevin Buswell and Tiffany Kresse.

"All in the Timing" starts at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Black Box Theatre and seating is limited.



PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

A kiss is shared by Kevin Buswell and Tiffany Kresse during the third one-act play "Universal Language," in the lab series, "All in the Timing."

Concert Calendar

Des Moines Area

- Dec. 7 Lorie Line
Des Moines Civic Center
- Dec. 8 Brenda Lee
Des Moines Civic Center
- Dec. 9 Joanna Connor
Blues On Grand
- Dec. 10 Project Logic
featuring DJ Logic
Grinnell College
Grinnell
- Dec. 10 Papa Roach
Super Toad
- Dec. 10 Tina of Tina & the B-Sides
Rock Bottom
- Dec. 11 Andy Williams
Christmas Show
Des Moines Civic Center
- Dec. 11 Martin Sexton
Grand Theatre
- Dec. 15 Sara Evans
Super Toad
- Dec. 15 Paul Dandy
Java Joe's
- Dec. 16 Shaking Tree
People's Bar and Grill
Ames
- Dec. 30 Baby Jason & The Spankers
Grand Lounge
- Jan. 9 The Harlem Globetrotters
Hilton Coliseum
Ames

Kansas City Area

- Dec. 7 Joe Jackson
Liberty Hall
Lawrence, Kan.
- Dec. 7 Reverend Horton Heat
The Bottleneck
Lawrence, Kan.
- Dec. 8 Craig Morgan
Beaumont Club
- Dec. 8 Hudson Falcons
El Torreon
- Dec. 8 Joanna Connor
Grand Emporium
- Dec. 8 Shane Minor
Beaumont Club
- Dec. 9 Shaking Tree
The Bottleneck
Lawrence, Kan.
- Dec. 10 Nothingface
The Bottleneck
Lawrence, Kan.
- Dec. 11 Alejandro Escovedo
Davey's Uptown
- Dec. 11 Cuthroats.09
Grand Emporium
- Dec. 11 Scarface
The Monaco
- Dec. 11 Papa Roach
Uptown Theatre
- Dec. 12 Paris, Texas
The Bottleneck
Lawrence, Kan.
- Dec. 13 Michael Winslow
Stanford and Sons
Comedy
- Dec. 13 Unified Theory
The Hurricane

- Dec. 15 Perfect Stranger
Beaumont Club
- Dec. 15 JazzTrax Christmas
Concert Tour
- Dec. 16 Folly Theatre
Ultimate Fakebook
Kemper Arena
- Dec. 17 Hairy Apes BMX
The Hurricane
- Dec. 16 Creatin 66
El Torreon
- Dec. 16 Left Undone
McCoy's Public House
- Dec. 16 The Creature
Comforts
- Dec. 21 The Hurricane
Mannheim
Steamroller
Christmas
Kemper Arena
- Dec. 27 Jibe
The Hurricane
- Dec. 29 C.J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band
Grand Emporium
- Dec. 29 Tim Mahoney
The Hurricane
- Dec. 31 The Warren Brothers
Beaumont Club
- Dec. 31 Anson Funerburgh & The Rockets with Sam Myers
Grand Emporium
- Jan. 8 Disarray
Grand Emporium

Omaha Area

- Dec. 10 Diamond Rio
Harvey's Casino
- Dec. 10 Council Bluffs, Iowa
Michael W. Smith
- Dec. 10 Omaha Civic Auditorium
- Dec. 11 Wynonna
Omaha Civic Auditorium
- Dec. 12 Marilyn Manson
Omaha Civic Auditorium
- Dec. 12 Unified Theory
Ranch Bowl
- Dec. 14 Catch 22
Ranch Bowl
- Dec. 21 Baby Jason & The Spankers
Music Box
- Dec. 22 Grasshopper
Takeover
- Dec. 27 Ranch Bowl
Mannheim
Steamroller
Christmas
Omaha Civic Auditorium
- Dec. 29 The Grass Roots
Bluff's Run Casino
- Dec. 29 Council Bluffs, Iowa
The Oak Ridge Boys
- Dec. 29 Harvey's Casino
Council Bluffs, Iowa
- Jan. 10 The Harlem Globetrotters
Omaha Civic Auditorium